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WITHDRAWAL OF EMPIRE FORCES FROM GREECE WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH GREAT SKILL, DEVOTION OF THE THREE ARMED SERVICES

Troops Entirely Unperturbed By Struggle Against Odds

EIGHTY PER CENT. OF THE ORIGINAL EMPIRE FORCES IN GREECE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SAFELY WITHDRAWN. THE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT OF ALL WAS RETAINED. HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT WHICH HAVE BEEN LOST WILL SOON BE REPLACED, states a Cairo communique, according to a Reuter message.

During last week, the re-embarkation of the personnel of the Empire Forces in Greece had been taking place in the most difficult conditions. Full results cannot yet be given, but at least 80 per cent. of the original force have already been safely conveyed to areas where they can undertake further active employment.

THIS OPERATION WAS ONLY POSSIBLE AS A RESULT OF GREAT SKILL AND DEVOTION BY ALL THREE ARMS OF THE SERVICES.

Need For "Permanent Mobilisation" Of The Red Army Urged

MOSCOW, May 1 (Reuter).—The need for "permanent mobilisation" of the Red Army is urged on May Day in an Order of the Day issued by Defence Commissar, MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO.

"The Red Army," he declared, "is ready to offer annihilating re-buff to any encroachments on the part of Imperialists upon the interests of our Socialist state."

H.K.-SHAI RICE AGREEMENT

SHANGHAI, May 1 (Reuter).—Arrangements are now finally concluded between the HONGKONG GOVERNMENT and the SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, according to which 5,000 tons of Rangoon rice will be shipped to Shanghai immediately and further regular shipments to the extent of 20,000 TO 25,000 PER MONTH will follow as required.

With the exception of trade, orders for which export permits have already been obtained and which do not exceed 2,900 tons, no further permits for export of rice from Hongkong to Shanghai will be granted except to the Shanghai Municipal Council.

ROME BUDGET DEFICIT

ROME, May 1 (Reuter).—A deficit of \$720,000,000 for the current year is predicted by Signor Bevilacqua speaking at the Finance Commission Budget.

The deficit will be met mainly by loans.

Signor De Revel, Finance Minister, said war expenditure hitherto is about \$21,000,000 monthly.

U.S. MARINES TO BE RECALLED

TIENTSIN, May 1 (Reuter).—U.S. marines in North China are being recalled shortly, the first batch of 70 from Peiping and 50 from Tientsin are leaving by the middle of the month for Manila, according to a semi-official Japanese report.

SEASONAL MOVEMENT

SHANGHAI, May 1 (Reuter).—U.S. Marine authorities in Shanghai state the movement of troops is purely seasonal.

Reliefs will be sent in due course to take over from the marines who are leaving.

Describing the present war as a "second Imperialist war undertaken for the purposes of a re-division of the world," he declared it "embraced almost all the capitalist countries and is being fed by the resources of North and South America."

In a guarded reference to the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact, the Marshal called it a "document of great political importance which represents an important step along the path of an improvement of our relations with Japan."

NEW CZECH ORDER

Far from being misled by Herr Hitler's brainless new order, Czechoslovak workers are preparing for a new Czechoslovak social order, declared the President, DR. BENEŠ, in a May Day broadcast to his people.

"The constructive ability of the Czechoslovak worker will be the bulwark against anarchy in disintegrated post-war Europe," added Dr. BENEŠ who gave an instance of the former party coalition system as one of the features which is to be removed from the future political life in Czechoslovakia.

DE GAULLE'S BROADCAST

GENERAL DE GAULLE, broadcasting over the radio of Brazzaville on Monday, urged French workers not to participate in the "masquerades organised by Herr Hitler and Vichy."

"By treating May 1 with dignified silence, French workers will show their contempt of the traitors and their hope of deliverance."

War has shorn May Day of its customary celebrations in most European countries though the Soviet is keeping Labour Anniversary with a three-day observance.

STALIN EXTOLLED

Slogans extolling M. STALIN's foreign policy are prominent features of the festivities in Russia and they claim that the policy is peace among nations and the safety of the Soviet fatherland.

German workers are keeping the day as a day of work and national unity. MARSHAL PETAIN is addressing French workers. All

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The rear-guard which covered the withdrawal imposed on the enemy a slow cautious advance despite his great superiority in numbers.

The Royal Navy and the merchant service showed great courage and devotion in the face of heavy and sustained air attacks against ports and beaches where the embarkation took place.

The R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm, although very heavily outnumbered, played their part both in providing some measure of protection for the ships during their passage and in conveying the key personnel from Greece with transport by aircraft.

It is noteworthy that despite the heavy fighting they have been through and the trying experience of re-embarkation under such conditions, the troops which returned from Greece are entirely unperturbed by their struggle against such odds and are convinced of their superiority over the Germans, both as individuals and as units and formations.

The successful withdrawal of so large a proportion of invaluable troops is a noteworthy achievement. The troops all retained their fighting equipment as well as their fighting spirit.

BECAME OBVIOUS

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter).—A Middle East communique states when it became obvious that the resistance of the Greek army to German invasion was ended, the Government of Greece requested that Empire contingents, which had been sent to its help should be withdrawn from Greece.

At this time, Empire troops were in close contact with the enemy on the Thermopylae positions after being withdrawn from more forward positions.

The enemy, by the employment of greatly superior numbers, had obtained the complete command of the air and by repeated attacks, made unusable the one

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OUTER DEFENCES OF TOBRUK PENETRATED

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter).—The enemy penetrated the outer defences of Tobruk this morning, states a British Middle East communique.

It states that enemy infantry in some strength, supported by numerous tanks, launched an attack yesterday evening and the penetration was effected this morning.

Details are not available and fighting is continuing.

In the Sollum area, the communique adds, British patrols were again active, inflicting casualties and damage on the enemy.

DUTCH SEAMEN AT POSTS

NEW YORK, May 1 (Reuter).—Princess Juliana, broadcasting on her 32nd birthday, expressed thanks for the good wishes and said that the Netherlands Tri-colour still flies throughout the world, despite the treacherous attacks from sea and air and Dutch seamen will stand at their posts to maintain the lifelines between Britain and America which are of great importance for winning the war.

WILLKIE URGES TRANSFER OF MORE DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN: VIGOROUS REPLY TO LINDBERGH



MR. WILLKIE

Views Are Endorsed As Wise And Upright

THE TRANSFER OF MORE SHIPS AND DESTROYERS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BRITAIN and, if necessary, provision for United States trans-Atlantic convoys, is urged by MR. WENDELL WILLKIE in an article in the current issue of the widely read COLLIERS WEEKLY, says Reuter.

Mr. Willkie's article is a vigorous reply to the isolationist article written by COL. CHARLES LINDBERGH which appeared in a recent issue of the same magazine.

The views expressed by Mr. Willkie are editorially endorsed as "WISE AND UPRIGHT."

"We should furnish Britain with ships," said Mr. Willkie, "ships in our docks and coast ports, as well as impounded ships of other nations, ships we are building, ships, until it hurts."

"Give Britain the destroyers, and if necessary, convey the production of our factories and farms so that England will survive."

The combined production of England, America, Canada and Australia would give Britain air superiority in 1942-43, Mr. Willkie declared, "when the peoples of the conquered countries, perhaps even the enslaved Germans, will arise."

MONOTONY BROKEN

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The monotony of ferrying American bombers across the Atlantic was broken for Flight-Lieut. Gautrey on his last trip.

After an uneventful flight all night in the first of the Catalina type aircraft to be delivered to the R.A.F., Flight-Lieut. Gautrey descended to avoid strong headwinds, suddenly spotted an extensive patch of oil and saw a light signal coming from a small flashlamp.

Circling round, he discerned, in semi-darkness, nine lifeboats clustered together.

Most of the occupants were standing up, waving.

Conspicuous were Lascars in blue dungarees.

Fl-Lt. Gautrey signalled for the name of the ship which was spelled out slowly.

The wireless quickly got into operation and soon after landing, Gautrey heard that a British destroyer had picked up his radio and rescued the ship-wrecked mariners.

WOP PRISONERS AT DESSIE

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter).—Italian prisoners taken at Dessie so far counted total 8,000.

The capture of the town was achieved entirely by South African infantry, armoured cars and artillery.

The Italian Viceroy, the Duke of Aosta, escaped to Amba Alagi in the sole surviving Savoia aircraft.

Squatters' Huts Set On Fire At Tai Hang: Method Used Deprecated

By A Staff Reporter

THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF THE SQUATTERS' SETTLEMENT, PERCHED ON THE HILLS ABOVE TAI HANG VILLAGE, was rudely shattered in the early afternoon of Monday by a number of "health" or "sanitary" department coolies, led by a "health" or "sanitary" officer, who immediately, it is learned, set about the business of—no, not pulling down or even smashing down the huts of these poor folks, BUT ACTUALLY SETTING THEM ON FIRE!!

The story, as told to a Hongkong Daily Press reporter by a number of those who had the misfortune to see all their worldly possessions go up in smoke, was that these representatives of the Hongkong Government did not even trouble to ask them to clear out, but, immediately on their arrival at the Settlement, proceeded to pour "petrol" (the word used was "DIN YAU") over the huts and to apply lighted matches.

FIRE BRIGADE HELPLESS

Those who witnessed the fierce outbreak at the Shek Kip Mi village, Shamshuipo, a little over a year ago will be able to visualise the scene of desolation—the howlings that rent the air—the pitiable moanings of the men who see their goods and houses going up in smoke before their eyes—and the shocked looks on the faces of the sturdier ones—while the great fire was raging. So intense was the heat that residents of houses in Tai Hang Road had to

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TERRITORY IN OCCUPATION

The Kingdom of Greece, with the exception of the Island of Crete, will, it was learned from official sources yesterday, now be regarded by the Government of Hongkong, as territory in enemy occupation.

KIEL, BERLIN RAIDED

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—Kiel was the main target of the R. A. F. last night, states the Air Ministry. Berlin, Hamburg and Emden were also attacked.

None of our aircraft are missing. Yesterday, aircraft of the Bomber Command continued to attack and harass enemy shipping off the Dutch coast. Other aircraft successfully bombed a wireless station on an island off the Norwegian coast.

SLIGHT ACTIVITY

On Wednesday night, German air activity over Britain was very slight on the North-East coast.

(Two Junkers bombers were destroyed and one Messerschmitt fighter was probably destroyed over Malta in the last twenty-four hours.

On Tuesday night, a number of civilians were killed and seriously injured.

EVACUATION SCHEME

GIBRALTAR, May 1 (Reuter).—The Governor intends to continue the evacuation scheme when necessary and only civilians vital for defence will remain. This is purely precautionary.

PETROL PRICES DROP

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Reuter).—One of the many effects of the conclusion of the Sino-Britain and Sino-American Currency Stabilisation Agreements is the sharp decline of gasoline prices in Chungking which dropped from \$50 to \$20 per gallon.

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- 8 Manlaughter hearing.

Today's News Summary

THE GREAT SKILL and devotion of the three fighting services made possible the evacuation of 80 per cent. of the original Empire forces from Greece. All fighting equipment was retained, and the men are not perturbed by the tremendous odds that they had to face.

WRITING in a widely-read magazine, Mr. Wendell Willkie, who was recently in London, urges the transfer of more ships and destroyers from the United States to Britain, and, if necessary, the provision of trans-Atlantic convoys.

KIEL WAS THE main target of British bombers on Wednesday night while over Britain there was very little enemy air activity.

THE NEW SHANGHAI Provisional Council held its first meeting yesterday when Mr. J. H. Liddell was elected Chairman.

IN CONNECTION with the May Day celebrations, the Soviet Defence Commissar issued a statement on defence.

AREA ATHLETIC MEET WON BY MIDDLESEX

Relay Teams Capture Five Out Of Six Finals

THE FIRST BN, MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, won the Area Athletic Meeting at Nanking Barracks, Shamshui, yesterday, defeating 8th Coastal Regiment, R.A., the runners-up, by a good margin of 26½ points. The holders, 12th Coastal Regiment, R.A., could do no better than finish sixth.

The Middlesex relay teams enjoyed a field day, taking five of the six finals contested yesterday.

A Middlesex Regt. athlete, L/C HEATHER, also returned the best individual performance of the afternoon, running a half-mile in 2 mins. 4 secs. to anchor the winning team in the Two-Mile Relay.

At the conclusion of the sports, H.E. Maj.-Gen. A. E. Grasett gave away the prizes.

During the meeting, another afternoon's sport was arranged for next Thursday, when a combined Royal Artillery team will meet combined Middlesex and Rajput Regiments.

THE RESULTS

Two Miles Relay: Won by Middlesex Regiment (Opl. Hobson, Pte. Goodall, L/C. Cox and L/C. Heather), 2nd 8th Coastal Regt., R.A., 3rd 5/7th Rajput Regt., R.A., 3rd 5/7th Rajput Regt., R.A. Time: 8 mins. 36 secs.

880 Yards Relay: Dead heat between Middlesex Regt. (Ferguson,

Club Tennis Singles:

PAGH & OXLADE ENTER FINAL

BY "SERVER"

At the Stand Court yesterday, M. PAGH, holder, and C. H. R. OXLADE won their respective matches to enter the final of the Club Singles Championship.

Pagh beat R. E. Guest 6-3, 6-4, while Oxlade beat F. W. Carter 6-3, 6-1.

The first match was the better of the two, Pagh's steadiness carrying him through. His driving down both wings was in good working order while his service revealed the same accuracy. Guest tried some enterprising shots but these could not break down the smooth driving game of Pagh.

Guest, tried, with some success, to bring Pagh to the forecourt but abandoned this in favour of a baseline game in which Pagh was his master.

DOUBLE FAULTS

In the second set, Pagh led 5-3 but with two double faults lost the ninth. Guest, however, failed to benefit from this, Pagh winning the next for the set and match.

The Oxlade-Carter match, got off to a slow start and though the scores in the first set were closer better tennis was seen in the second when both players seemed to have found their touch. Rallies were far and between and Oxlade's consistency won him the day. Carter was weak on his backhand. He scored many points with his first service but he was too inconsistent with it to gain an advantage.

TODAY'S MATCH

A capacity crowd is expected this afternoon when S. A. Rummahn, holder, meets Tsui Wai-pui in the semi-final of the Open Singles.

It has been predicted, with some confidence, in certain quarters, that the "evergreen" Sirdar will enter his tenth final. Rummahn is, indeed, playing very well at the moment and appears to be on top form. On the other hand, Tsui seems to have dropped off in his game but he is a player whose form is hard to gauge.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

The May Race Meeting will be held at Area, Preta, Macao on Sunday 4th May, 1941, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

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ENTRIES FOR FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEET

The following is the advance copy of entries for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, May 19:

1.—2 p.m.—Carpentaria H'cap.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "E" Class. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One mile.

Beauford, Colorado Star, Dick Turpin, Forehand Drive, Grand Allegiance, Harmon's Star, High Hat, Macey, Schmetterling, Sea Urchin, Supergun, Sunspot, Surprise Again, Sydney Diamond, Trade Wind, Tropical Love, Vigor.

17 Entries.
2 or 4—2.30 or 4.30 p.m.—West River H'cap.—First or Second Section.—Winner \$650. Second \$340. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in (about 1 mile 171 yards).

Advancing Time, Blue Diamond, Blue Field, Emergency Unit, Eye of Polly, Eve of Peace, Expansion Time, Galveston Bay, Hopeful Star, Iron Beauty, Jane Doe, Jober, Just In Time, King Kong, Lancashire Lass, Lovely View, Musketeer, Night Express, Odeon, Oscar Zylch, Patricia, Peaceful View, Racer, Rob Roy, Rose Evelyn, Rose Flana, Rose Jane, Smashing Through, 23 Entries.

3.—3 p.m.—Beas River Paddocks H'cap.—Winner \$1,500. Second \$600. Third \$300. For all Australian Ponies. Ponies to be ridden by Jockeys who have won at least 10 Official flat races anywhere, or Jockeys approved by the Stewards. Entrance \$10. One and a half miles.

A Grand Time, A Happy Time, Australian Diamond, Baffin Bay, Brown Derby, Endeavour, Fleetwing, Look See, Mainsail, Man-O-War, Miss Chaikoff, Mountain View, Starlight, Venus Bay, Viceroy, 15 Entries.

4 or 10—3.30 or 6.30 p.m.—Walsh H'cap.—First or Second Section.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

Amusement Tax, Anzac Day, A Roaring Time, Australian Prince, Battle, Bendigo, Bruno, Casino, Cheerful Star, Cockle, Corvette, Daylight, Derby Day, Double Dutch, Double Finesse, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Gay Fox, Gold Rod, Hascossay, Income Tax, Iron Belle, Longdon, Maple Star, Misty View, Nomine Poemna, Sea Jay, Seventy Six, Shuttlecock, Snow White, Sydney Lady, Twinkling Star, Warrego River, 33 Entries.

5.—4 p.m.—Moreton Bay Stakes.—First Section.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "D" Class. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1941. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

Amber II 142, Arncliffe 142, Bone-shaker 142, Bredon 144, National Reform 142, Ozark 142, Red Rabbit 142, Rising Star 142, Rocky Beach 142, Tobacchoship 145, Winnie 142, 23 Entries, 11 Drawn.

7.—5 p.m.—Great Eight Stakes.—First Section.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "D" Class. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1941. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in (about 1 mile 171 yards).

Annabella 142, Blue Gown 142, Darling Beauty 142, National Victory 142, Odin 142, Sports Lady 142, Spring Shine 142, Swallow 142, 17 Entries, 8 Drawn.

8.—5.30 p.m.—Moreton Bay Stakes.—Second Section.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "D" Class. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1941. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

A Good Time 146, Dignitas 142, Lodestar 142, Luxury 142, Ophir 142, Pocomos 142, Princess Adelaide 142, Ratio Decidendi 142, Riverside 142, Senorita 142, Strathabry 145, War Tax 142, 23 Entries, 13 Drawn.

9.—6 p.m.—Great Eight Stakes.—Second Section.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "D" Class. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since Jan. 1, 1941. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in (about 1 mile 171 yards).

A Blossom Time 142, Archer 142, Crack Shot 142, Graceful View 142, Quick Despatch 142, Roddy 149, Too Hot 142, Willow 142, Zedderday 142, 17 Entries, 6 Drawn.

OUTDOOR SPORTS MOST POPULAR IN CANADA

Canadians spent about three million dollars for sports equipment during 1939, according to a recent government report which shows that the value of sporting equipment and accessories manufactured in the Dominion for that year exceeded \$2,900,000. In addition, more than three-quarters of a million dollars worth of sporting goods were imported.

The principal types of equipment and supplies made in Canada were as follows: baseball \$181,781, billiard, bowling and football \$238,124, golf \$492,400, hockey \$170,369, ski \$252,904, tennis and badminton \$406,757, and fishing tackle \$141,146.

Canada occupies an enviable position in the realm of outdoor sports. An abundance of forests, lakes and rivers, mountains, open spaces, and sea shore areas provide unexcelled facilities for indulgence in health-promoting exercises all the year round.

Prominent among the fields for outdoor recreation in Canada are the national parks which form a chain of sport centres reaching from the Atlantic to the Rockies.

Golf, tennis, fishing, canoeing, swimming, hiking and climbing are among the many summer sports which may be enjoyed under ideal conditions in most of the parks, while in the Rocky Mountain parks, where excellent facilities for ski-ing, snow-shoeing, tobogganing, curling, and skating are available, winter sports are assuming an increasingly popular role.

Y'S MEN AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

"A man is not a wise man unless he is conscious of the fact that he is a citizen of this earth. A man is not a wise man unless he is aware of the duties of his world citizenship. A man is not a man unless he has worldly outlook as well as a national one. It is the duty of each Y's man to help each other and his friend to become a 'Wise Y's man, man.'"

This was part of the address on "Y's Men and International Relations" delivered by Dr. Joseph Yu, who led the discussion at the Y's Men's fifth held at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

HISTORY OF CLUB

Reviewing the history of the Y's Men Club, Dr. Yu said, in part: In Nov. 1920 Paul W. Alexander, a graduate of the Harvard Law School, began to prepare a constitution and by-law for the realization of this movement. The adoption of the name, "Y's Men," proved to be very clever.

The term "International" seemed at that time to be mighty ambitious but it was not so long after that a club was organized in Sydney, and thus the movement was off to its start as a truly "international" organization. The movement grew by leaps and bounds. It was during 1925 that a club was organized at Shanghai, and enthusiasm for its international possibilities ran very high.

Mr. Ho Shu-que, President of the Club, presided.

The Weather Of April

Sunshine 32 Hours Below Normal

The weather during April was mainly unsettled, with very variable temperatures. From the 1st to the 5th it was fair and rather warm, but a renewed onset of the NE monsoon on the evening of the 5th caused a fall in temperature of 30 deg. F. in 24 hours, and the minimum temperature on the 6th was the lowest ever recorded in April.

The next few days were mainly cloudy, with frequent rain or drizzle and occasional thunder. There was a short spell of warm fair weather from the 13th to the 18th, but the remainder of the month was cloudy and very unsettled, with much rain and some heavy thunderstorms.

MEAN TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the month was 59.5 deg. F, which is 1 deg. below normal. A maximum of 85.0 deg was recorded on the 18th and 21st; the minimum of 50 deg. occurring on the 6th was a record for April. The mean relative humidity was 84 per cent, which is normal.

Sunshine amounted to 53 hours, against a normal of 115 hours. Rainfall was above normal for the fourth successive month, the total being 8.69 inches against a normal of 5.20 inches. The total rainfall since January 1 is now 25.69 inches.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 51 m.p.h. at 9.15 a.m. on the 21st.

From the two mile post once round and in (about 1 mile 171 yards).

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CHINESE PAINTER

EXHIBITIONS IN AMERICA

Mr. Chang Shu-chi, well-known Chinese bird and flower painter, who recently presented to President Roosevelt a picture of 100 doves, will shortly sail for the United States with about 500 pieces of his best works for exhibition there under the instructions of the Ministry of Education.

He expects to stay in the United States for about a year during which he will hold exhibitions in various key cities. The proceeds from the exhibitions, he told a Central News representative, will be used for the purchase of books and equipments for different universities in China.

A native of Kihwa, Chekiang, Mr. Chang has been professor of Chinese art at the National Central University for the past ten years. He arrived here from Chungking last night (Tuesday), and was entertained at tea at the Gloucester Hotel this afternoon by a group of prominent Chinese here including Mr. Chang I-ling, member of the People's Political Council, Mr. Chen Kung-chen, well-known calligraphist, Mr. Chang Chien-li, Mr. Tong Kwok-ching, and Mr. Chen Chung-pi.

Part of Mr. Chang's works will be exhibited here next week.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter)

A dig at Italy is the interpretation of some quarters of the action of the War Department in promoting Major William Bentley, who recall from Rome was demanded by Italy, from the position of Assistant Military Attache, and assigning him to an important post at Tangier.

BANNED BOOKS THEY SOLD ABROAD

BY HANNEN SWAFFER

The death of James Joyce, author of the much-attacked "Ulysses," recalls to my mind my last sight of Warsaw, a fortnight before the Germans attacked Poland, and my last visit to Copenhagen, immediately after.

We accuse the Germans of burning books. Those publicly displayed in Copenhagen and Warsaw, almost the only evidence of our modern authorship, deserved burning.

Directly a book was banned here, it was printed abroad, and sold to British travellers who couldn't buy it at home.

It was put, with all the other ostracized volumes, into a window in every European capital where, unless the British Council sent the Sadlers Wells ballet there, they were the only published exhibits of our culture.

In Warsaw and the Danish capital I saw prominent windows in which were shown "Ulysses," "Bessie Carter," and "To Beg I Am Ashamed," both of which deal with prostitution; "The Well of Loneliness," a study in abnormality, banned here after a Bow Street prosecution; and "Lady Chatterley's Lover," an indecency by D. H. Lawrence.

They were enclosed in wrappers reading, "Not obtainable in England" or "Banned in England," and were bought openly by British people who, at home, would not have dared to be seen reading them.

"Is this the best we can do to advertise ourselves?" I asked a friend in Warsaw.

Well, soon after the Germans marched in—and almost everything was banned.



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BRITISH CENSORSHIP SERVICE IN BERMUDA TAKES FULL TIME OF 800 MEN, WOMEN

HAMILTON, Bermuda, April 12.—Nearly 800 men and women, most of them from England's bombed cities, are engaged daily in the constant surveillance of all letters and parcel post sent between the United States and Europe.

The British government is spending a large sum in this work. The rent of three hotels as censorship headquarters is estimated to cost at least \$200,000 a year.

ELABORATE SYSTEM

Thousands of letters pass through the hands of the ever-watchful censors. The most elaborate system of cataloguing and indexing has been put into operation so that everything that has been scrutinized in the past can be referred to in a moment's notice. The censors are like doctors, with their hands on the pulse of communications between the United States and Europe.

Details of what is found in the mails is private to the British government, but it is certain that the maintenance costs for the work are insignificant to what information and tangible goods have been prevented from going through.

AMUSING "FINDS"

A few amusing "finds" which have been set aside in a special file, were disclosed recently by G. R. Watkins-Mence, the controller of censorship.

An order was intercepted from Rome asking for the immediate delivery of 1,000 pairs of running shorts, which one censor observed

LOVE LETTERS

Thousands of love letters are read by the censors but one in particular was shown throughout every department. It was a passionate letter from a Hungarian describing in detail his latest love affair. But the thing that interested the censors was a remark he wrote, "It doesn't matter what I say, these British censors aren't human anyway."

Another letter was addressed to "Santa Claus, Greenland." It was from an American girl asking for a doll. A subscription was taken up among the women censors and a doll was sent to the girl.

TWO LANGUAGES

The censorship headquarters resembles an international club. Each of the censors speaks at least two languages, and most of them have at least four or five at their command. A letter written in the Eskimo language was given a thorough going over by someone with a fluent knowledge of that tongue.

The most unusual feature of the censorship work is that registered mail, war or no war, receives particular attention and must be accounted for after the war. Registered letters may be opened and indefinitely delayed, but when the war is over every one of them must be sent to the addressed persons. A large room has been set aside for the storage of this class of mail.

SUMS OF MONEY

Some of the registered letters hold large sums of money. They will be under the watchful care of the censors for the duration of the war.

A familiar sight takes place on the arrival of the clipper-planes or a ship. Derrick's haul nets filled with bags of mail from the holds and dump them on the deck of a waiting tender. The bags are then rushed to the censorship headquarters where squads of censors are waiting to get on with the job of sorting, cataloguing and censoring.

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)

Four members of the Quaker Ambulance Unit, under the auspices of the British Red Cross, led by Mr. Peter Tennant, are leaving this week for Chungking for such service as the Chinese Government may think best. The full party numbers 40. The remainder are following shortly.

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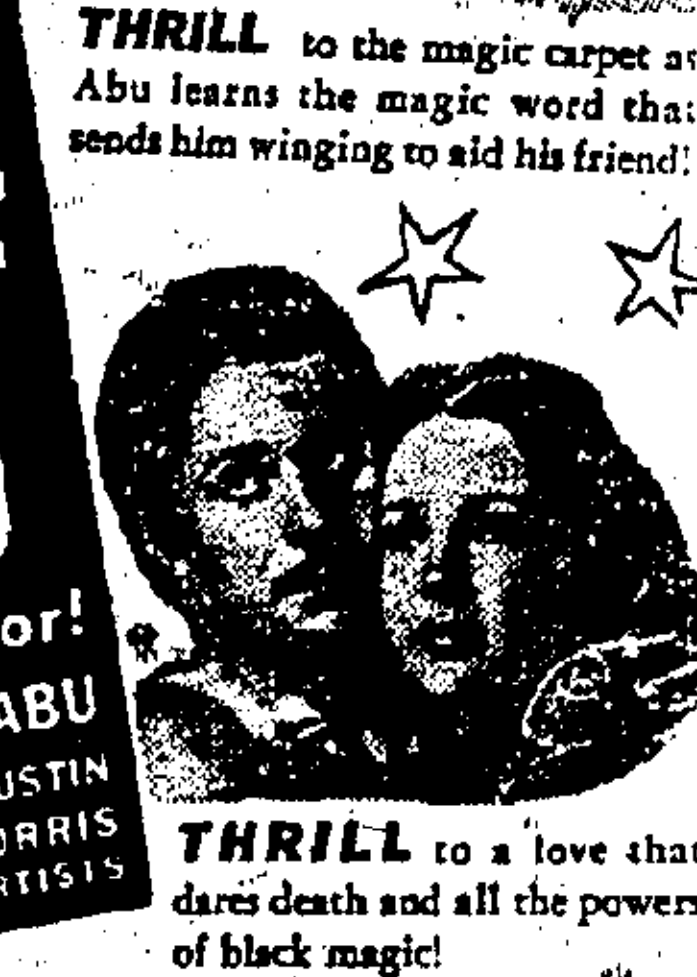
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Born on the "wrong side of the tracks," Kitty envies the Philadelphia socialites as a youngster, and later as a working girl falls in love with one of them, Wyn Stafford, only to be disappointed in him when he falls to propose.

She goes to New York and gets another job, but Wyn follows, and after a romantic interlude they are married.

Later Kitty discovers she is going to have a baby, and Wyn comes to town to see her. Delighted at the opportunity of telling him about it, she is shocked to learn that he is engaged to a Philadelphia society girl, and she deliberately avoids meeting him. The baby is born, dies, and Kitty courageously resumes her business career, achieves success and five years later finds herself faced with a vital decision—whether to run away to South America as Wyn's mistress, or to marry Mark Elsen, who has loved her all these years. How she decides, makes the gripping climax of the picture.

As well as affording Miss Rogers a brilliant opportunity to display her dramatic talents, the film gives two clever young actors their finest roles. Dennis Morgan, the much sought-after leading man of many recent offerings, is cast as the weak but likeable Wyn, and James Craig, an "unknown" whom studio executives are acclaiming, plays the quiet Mark.

Radio Programmes

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HAYDN "FAREWELL" SYMPHONY NO. 45 IN F SHARP MINOR Request Programme

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercell.

12.30 Light French Programme.

Le Petit Quinquin (Desrousseaux); Aupres de ma Blonde (traditional); Jean Sorbier (vocal) with Orchestra. Fox-Trot — Bell Ringer, One-Step Arabesque — Maurice Alexander (Accordeon). Tu ne sais pas aimer, Waltz; La fille aux matelots (both from film "Sola") — Dancia (vocal) v. Orchestra. Elle Lisait Marie-Chaire — Valse (Charys); L'Assemblée du Village — Valse (Vandier, Alexander); Alexander (accordeon) with his Orchestra and vocal refrain by Adrien Lamy. Le Lieutenant Souriant (Ballet and Others); Le chant du marin (Veber and van Parys) — Adrien Lamy (vocal) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Dance Music.

Show Fox-Trot — Arm in Arm; Fox-Trot — Pools Rush In — Ambrose and his Orchestra. Tangos — Chaparin d'Amour; Tango Chinois — Mario Meli and his, Tango Chinois. Fox-Trot — Get Your Boots Laced. Papa — Woody Herman and his Orchestra. Waltz — Lovely Old Lady; Fox-Trot — Never Took a Lesson in my Life — Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot — I'll Never Smile Again — Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Ronald Murgatroyd and Jessica Dragonette.

Orchestra and Organ — In The Shadows (Fluck); Valse Septembre (Godin) — Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra. Vocal — Love, Forever I Adore You (Miller and de Michel); In Your Arms Tonight (Lockton and Gehl) — Ronald Murgatroyd (Tenor) with violin & piano. Orchestra & Organ — Swing, Teacher, Swing — Selection; "Sally, Irene, and Mary" — Selection — Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra. Vocal — Through the Doorway of Dreams (Robin Whitting) — Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with Orchestra. Orchestra and Organ — The Life of the Party — Selection; "Lovely to Look at" — Selection — Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.52 Haydn — Symphony No. 45 ("Farewell") in F Sharp Minor.

1st Mov: Allegro assai; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Menuetto; 4th Mov: Finale — presto and adagio — Sir Henry Wood conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

6.56 A Haydn Song.

My Mother bids me bind my hair — Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).

7.00 London Relay — The News.

7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

7.30 State Opera Orchestra with Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).

The Mastersingers of Nuremberg — Overture (Wagner) — State Opera Orchestra cond. by Leo Blech. C Charming Hour; The Dream; ("Manon" — Massenet); I still seem to hear ("The Pearl Fishers" — Bizet) — Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra. La Prophete — Coronation March (Meyerbeer) — State Opera Orchestra. La Donna E Mobile ("Rigoletto" — Verdi). The Stars were shining ("Tosca" — Puccini) — Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra. Waltz ("Eugen Onegin" — Tchaikovsky) — State Opera Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal.

8.01 A Request Programme.

It's a Hap-happy Day (film "Gulliver's Travels") — Arthur Askey (vocal) with Orchestra. Tango — South of the Border — Jack Harris & his Orchestra. Donkey's Serenade (film "Firefly") — Grace Fields (vocal) with Orchestra. Fox-Trot — Love is Here to Stay; Love Walked In (both from film "The Goldwyn Follies") — Jack Harris and his Orchestra. Wanting You (film "The New Moon") — Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). With-out a Song (film "The Prodigal") — Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). Overture "Light Cavalry" (Suppe) — The B.B.C. Symphony Orch. La Paloma (Yradier) — Celestino Barboe (Baritone) with Orch. Merry Wives of Windsor — Overture (Nicola) — Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra. O Sole Mio — Enrico Caruso (Tenor). Serenade (Schubert) — De Groot (violin). Gibrilero (Piano). Sametini (Cello). Sweetly She Sleeps, My Alice (Fair (Poster). Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair (Poster) — John McCormack (Tenor). Ave Maria (Schubert) — Dol Dauber and his Salon Orchestra.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

2-Tides: High 1.52 a.m. and 11.51 p.m. Low: 5.22 a.m. and 7.57 p.m. Sunrise: 5.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.51 p.m. H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert, Government House, 9.15 p.m.

"Y" A.D.C. Presentation, "Mrs. Dot," in aid of War Charities at Home, 9.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. Hqs., 6.30 p.m. Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.

Ladies' Working Party (H.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

3-Tides: High 3.02 a.m. and 12.44 p.m. Low: 5.44 a.m. and 9 p.m. Sunrise: 5.50 a.m.; Sunset: 6.51 p.m. Claims against Estate of late Mr. J. A. da Silva due.

"Y" A.D.C. Presentation, "Mrs. Dot," in aid of War Charities at Home, 9.15 p.m.

Chinese Youth Day Celebration Meeting, Chinese Y.M.C.A. C.M.S. Heep Yuen School Physical Training Display, 3 p.m. Cyclone Football Club Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Lecture: Dr. Cliff on "Prophecy," 77 Pokfulam Road, 2nd floor, 8.30 p.m.

4-Tides: High 4.02 a.m. and 1.47 p.m. Low: 6.25 a.m. and 10.07 p.m. Sunrise: 6.49 a.m.; Sunset: 6.51 p.m. Tea Dance in Aid of St. Vincent de Paul's Society, Club Lusitano.

5-Tides: High 5.02 a.m. and 2.07 p.m. Low: 7.53 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Sunrise: 6.49 a.m.; Sunset: 6.52 p.m. Macao Jockey Club Meeting, Arca Pretta, Macao.

6-Tides: High 5.47 a.m. and 4.37 p.m. Low: 11.47 a.m. and 11.43 p.m. Sunrise: 5.48 a.m.; Sunset: 6.52 p.m.

7-Tides: High 6.26 a.m. and 2.58 p.m. Low: 12.14 p.m. Sunrise: 5.48 a.m.; Sunset: 6.53 p.m. Annual Meeting of Douglas Steamship Company, P. and O. Bldg., 11 a.m.

8-Tides: High 7.01 a.m. and 7.13 p.m. Low: 12.44 a.m. and 1.17 p.m. Sunrise: 5.47 a.m.; Sunset: 6.53 p.m. H.K. Eugenics League, Gloucester Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Presentation to Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 6.15 p.m.

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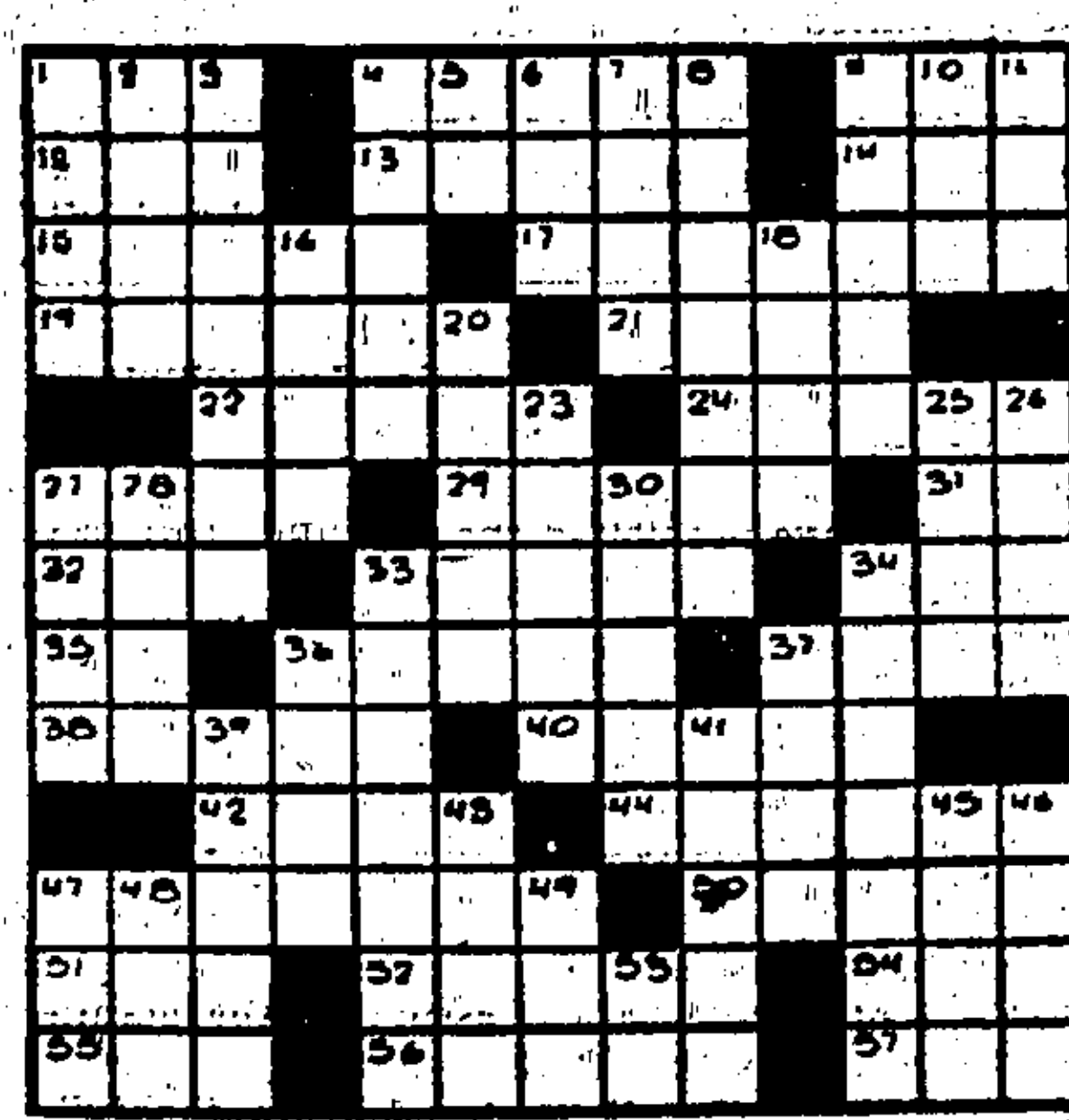
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- Tiny
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- Precious stone
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- Siberian
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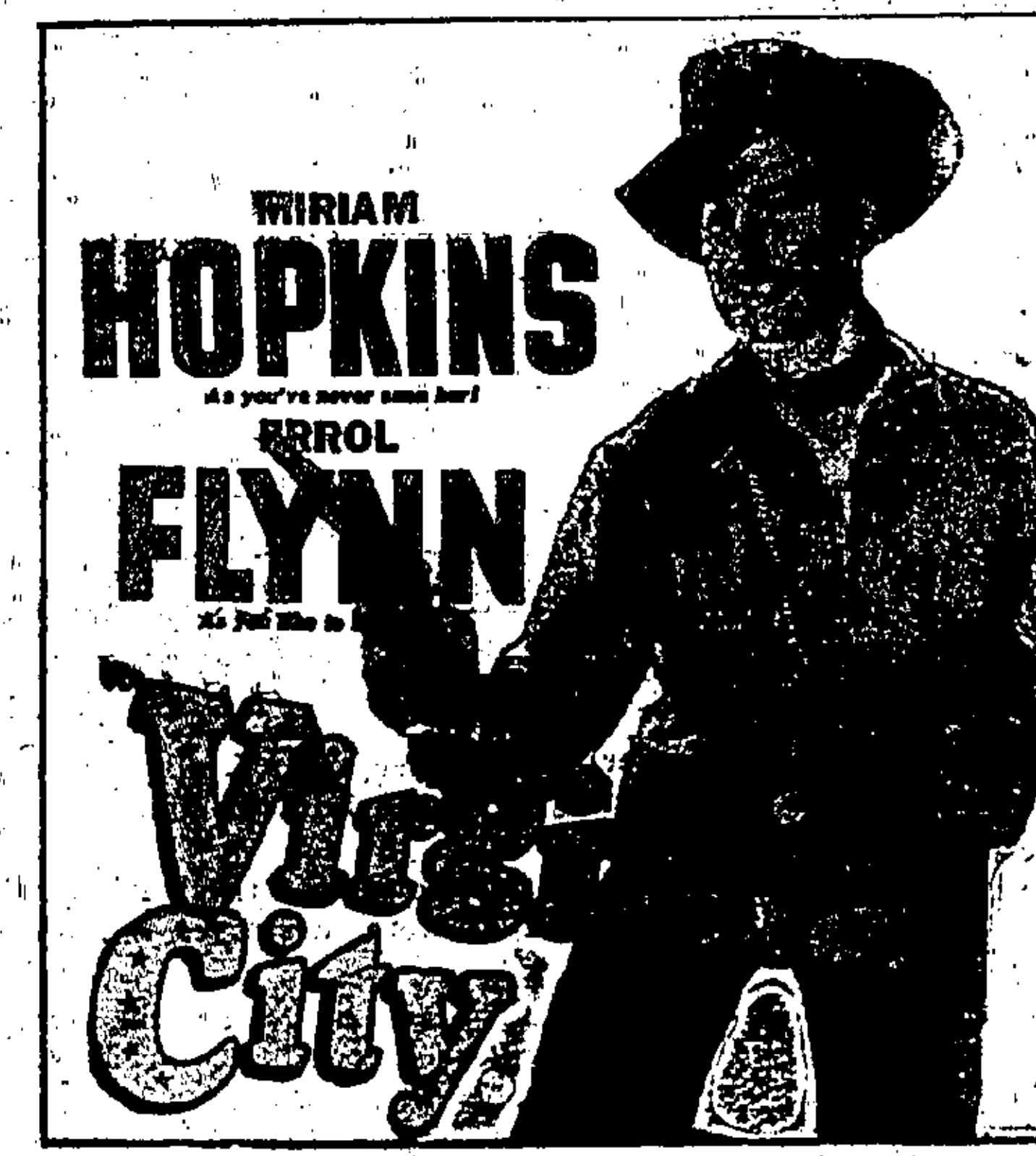
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Axis Forces In Egypt Harassed By Patrols: Wop Garrison Captured

CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter)—Axis troops on Egyptian soil still halted around Sollum are continually harassed by British armed patrols, and concentrations along the coast road are shelled by the Navy.

The sun daily rises higher, the desert sands get hotter, sandstorms make it difficult to keep the engines cool and in any case the air is too hot to cool the radiators. These factors are creating difficulties for the Germans, particularly unaccustomed to desert warfare.

During the past few months, deserters from the enemy in Abyssinia have been coming over in ever-increasing numbers to join the Emperor's army.

Latest arrivals are 400 Italian and colonial troops from Fort Mota which was captured a few days ago.

Many native troops were forced into military service by the Italians after the occupation of Abyssinia. They seized the first opportunity to rejoin the Emperor and many brought with them their arms and ammunition supplied by the Italians.

GARRISON CAPTURED

The rounding up of the Italians continues. Another isolated garrison was captured at Socota on the Asmara-Dessie road, south of Amba Alagi.

The difficult country hereabouts rules out a rear attack on Amba Alagi.

Light rains are beginning to fall particularly in South Abyssinia, but heavy rains are not due till the middle of May. The present rain is already having some effect on the roads and tracks in southern Abyssinia.

R.A.F. ATTACKS

Enemy troop positions and ammunition dumps were attacked in the Uadua area in Abyssinia by the South African Air Force. Motor transports were destroyed and heavy casualties were caused among the white and native troops.

Direct hits were made on a building at Tandeso aerodrome.

Four planes are missing from all operations in the Middle East. The R.A.F. has carried out constant convoy patrols over certain areas of the Mediterranean, it is officially announced.

HEAVY AXIS AIR LOSSES IN BALKANS AND AFRICA

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—Altogether 252 German and Italian aircraft have been destroyed in the Balkans and Africa during April.

In the Western Desert 81 were shot down by British fighters, 11 were destroyed by A.A. fire and 31 were destroyed on the ground.

MR. CAMPBELL IN DURAZZO?

Reported Captured On Way To Crete

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—Sitting in the best hotel in Durazzo, reading and playing bridge are diplomats and families—some 50 persons altogether—members of the Dutch, Belgian, Polish and British Legations and Consulates in Belgrade, according to a special correspondent of the German wireless service in Albania.

The message claims that Mr. Ronald Campbell, the British Minister in Belgrade, is among the party.

The world has been seeking his whereabouts since the German occupation of Yugoslavia and on Tuesday the British Government asked the United States to enquire from the Italian and German Governments news of Mr. Campbell.

A message from the official German news agency said that Mr. Campbell was captured at sea on his way to Crete by the Italian Navy. Now they say that the diplomatic party was surprised by Italian troops as it was about to embark on a British submarine which got away.

The message adds that the Italian Government has not yet decided on their future.

SHANGHAI EDITOR ASSASSINATED

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Central)—Chu Tso-tung, manager of the Hua Mei Wan Pao (Chinese-American Daily News), was assassinated in Peking Road in the International Settlement, Shanghai, yesterday afternoon. He was hit in the head by two bullets fired by an unidentified gunman and succumbed instantly.

GERMAN TROOPS IN FINLAND

HELSINKI DENIES MOSCOW FIGURES

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—There is no confirmation in authoritative quarters in London of reports of the landing in Finland of 12,000 German troops with tanks and other equipment, says Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

The figures given by Moscow beat all previous records in exaggeration, was the unofficial comment following the "semi-official" statement made in Helsinki yesterday that a limited number of Germans had passed through Finland "in accordance with transit arrangements made in the autumn of 1940."

The Moscow newspaper Pravda had said that 12,000 men with tanks and guns landed at the Finnish port of Abo, Reuter's Moscow correspondent states, and the report was received there with no great surprise.

According to neutrals, the Germans in Moscow say that the troops are probably on the way to Narvik.

JOINT MANOEUVRES?

BERNE, May 1 (Reuter)—Reports of joint German and Finnish manoeuvres in Finland are officially denied in Helsinki, states a Swiss agency telegram from the Finnish capital.

HIGH-SPEED MOSQUITO BOATS

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter)—Colonel Knox, Secretary for Navy, told a press conference yesterday that the United States is expected to build substantial numbers of high-speed mosquito boats for Britain.

He emphasised that no larger warships are available for transfer.

Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson stated that a request for 24 more motor torpedo-boats was expected very soon from Britain.

The remaining inactive fleet division of the United States Navy's organised reserves would be mobilised between May 1 and May 30, said Colonel Knox.

About 230 officers and 4,000 men are involved.

TOKYO UPSET BY SOVIET DECREE

TOKYO, May 1 (Reuter)—While official information has not yet been received, competent authorities are mildly astonished by the Soviet decree banning the transit of war materials.

It is said, however, that economic negotiations with the Soviet are continuing, although it is believed they are not concerned with war materials.

It is pointed out the Soviet decree mentions certain exceptions by special authorisation or trade agreement. Japan probably is not affected.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter)—The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday squashed, by 13 votes to 10, a resolution that would have prohibited the use of convoys without Congressional sanction.

FURY OF NAZI NIGHT BOMBERS AGAIN CENTRED ON PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH, May 1 (Reuter)—This front line city on England's south-west shore is assuming the mantle that was Coventry's, writes Reuter's Staff reporter. On Tuesday night, the fifth night in nine, the city endured again the full fury of the German night bombers.

No provincial city has suffered a more concentrated bombing, and yesterday Lady Astor, speaking as Lord Mayor of Plymouth, referred to her city as the "worst blitzed town in England."

She was sending a message of thanks to Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, for the magnificent help of the Food Ministry in feeding the towns-people from flying food convoys.

Last night some of the city's streets are nothing more than a desert of dusty rubble. They are the streets which the citizens leave for the countryside when night falls. Some have even slept beneath hedges rather than face the horror of night bombing. Many are homeless.

Others have homes which are damaged. They all join in the tramp to the country, and just before dawn come back.

PATHEMIC SIGHT

The homeless are a pathetic sight. Some carry their remaining possessions tied in small bundles.

H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES PUT THROUGH HER PACES

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—I have just watched the guns of H.M.S. Prince of Wales, Britain's newest battleship, prove their power and accuracy in a practice shoot, writes Reuter's Special correspondent with the British Home Fleet.

It was all over in a few minutes of terrifying sound and fury. With its anti-submarine screen of destroyers, the 35,000-ton ship was pressing through the night at a good pace.

I had stationed myself at one of the highest possible points on a platform many feet above sea level. Below, on the gunnery platform, ghostly hooded figures were at work—officers and men in monk-like duffle coats, some peering at instruments, others at the black sea.

From my position the dimly-lit instrument dials resembled glow-worms. The hiss of wind through the rigging and the slight swish of water as the battleship cut through it were the only sounds.

GUNS TRAINED

Next moment voices below rapped out orders.

The long slim barrels of 14-inch guns were trained round and pointed to the right.

A crack from a smaller gun and a light from a starshell burst over a small patch of sea. I could make out the "enemy."

Then came vicious ear-splitting explosions from 5.25-inch guns.

Audacious Rescue Attempt By British Submarine

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—An attempt by a British submarine to rescue the British Minister to Yugoslavia in an Italian-occupied port on the Dalmatian coast is told in the following British Admiralty communique:

"A report has been received from the Mediterranean of an exceedingly audacious attempt by one of our submarines, Regent (Lieut.-Commander F. J. H. Bartlett) to embark Mr. Ronald Campbell, British Minister to Yugoslavia, and his staff after the collapse of organised Yugoslav resistance."

"At dawn on April 26, the port was occupied by the Italian Army. Nevertheless the Regent entered the port and an officer from the submarine was landed to call on the senior Italian naval officer-in-charge. As a result an Italian Army Staff Officer was embarked in the Regent as hostage while the British officer went in search of Mr. Ronald Campbell."

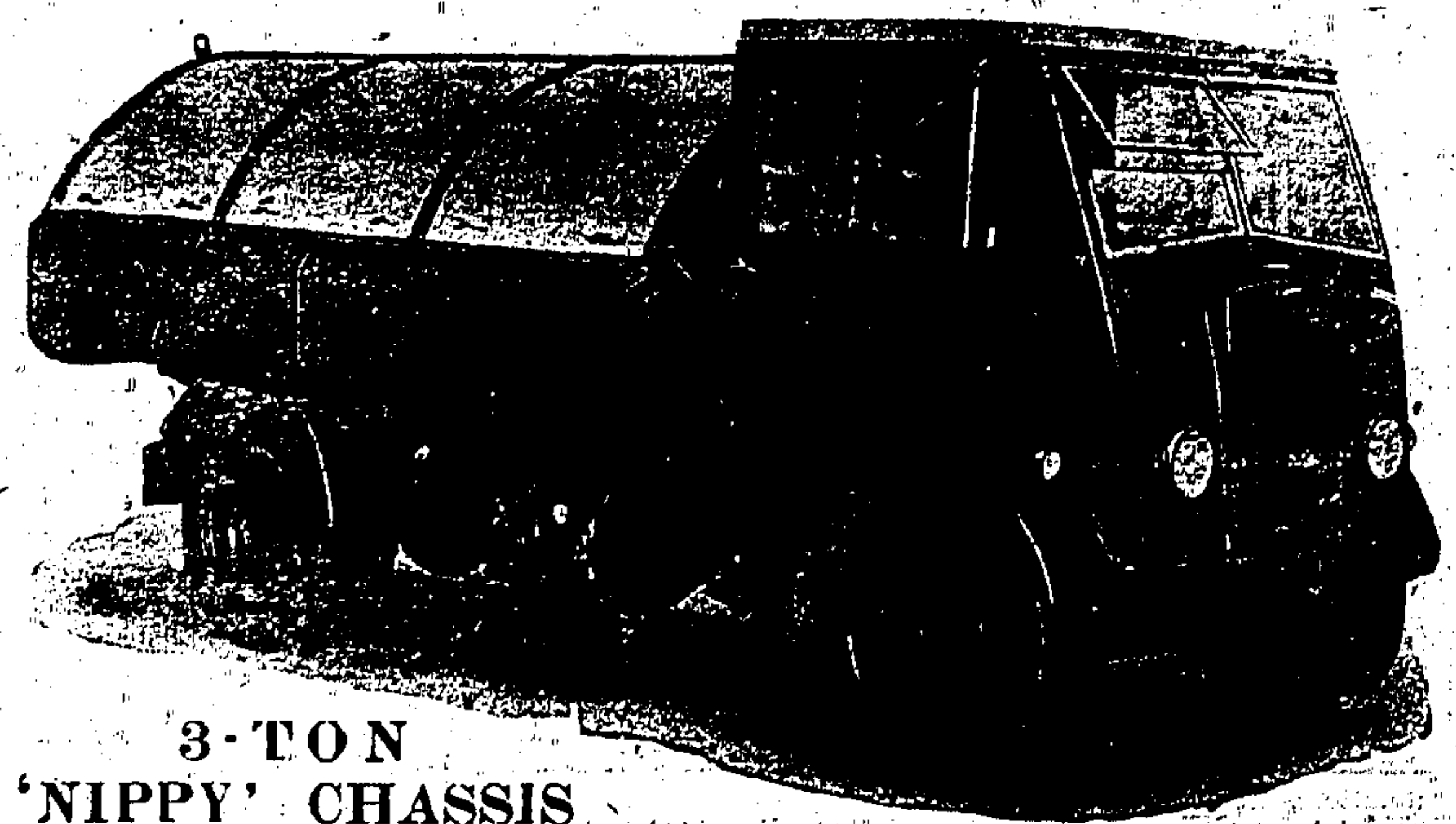
FARCIICAL SITUATION

"Meanwhile the Regent lay in harbour, wearing her largest White Ensign, and surrounded by large forces of the Italian Army. This tense but farcical situation continued for nine hours while the submarine waited in the hope that the landed British officer would find Mr. Campbell and bring him down to the port."

"Nine hours after entering the harbour, however, the Regent was attacked by two Italian dive-bombers. These dropped several bombs and attacked with machine-guns, slightly wounding the Commanding Officer, the First Lieutenant and one petty officer. The Commanding Officer of the Regent then decided that he could wait no longer in face of the great risk of further attacks. The Regent dived and left harbour submerged."

HOSTAGE HELD

"The Regent had to pass through two minefields in order to reach the harbour of Kotor. These are successfully negotiated on leaving and then passed out of the Adriatic and returned to her base with the Italian hostage still on board."



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CHINESE SHOT DEAD BY INDIAN PATROL IN KOWLOON DEFENCE AREA

Circumstances Related At Coroner's Inquest

An inquest into the death of PUN YIU, 34, who was shot dead by members of a patrol from the 5/7th Batta. Rajput Regiment, in the defence area at Shing Mun on March 8 was held at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., sitting as Coroner.

The enquiry was conducted by Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor. Mr. D. Brittain Evans, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, represented the Military Authorities, and Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson was for the Police.

The following comprised the special jury:—Messrs. E. M. Raymond (Foreman), S. Hampden Ross and Ngan Shing-kwan.

Outlining the facts, Mr. Sheldon said that deceased with three others left Tsun Wan at 6 p.m. on the evening of March 8 for a hill beyond Jubilee Dam.

As they were going there to mine wolfram ore, they carried mining implements and seemed to have good knowledge of the geography of that area.

DEFENCE AREA

Half-a-mile up the path leading to their destination is a defence area, where several pillboxes are situated.

Finishing their mining operations about 11 p.m., they took the same route homeward, with deceased, who was dressed in white, leading the way and carrying a bag on his back.

Meanwhile, a patrol consisting of seven men, acting on instructions, left Hankow Barracks to patrol the defence area and its vicinity. They

were given orders regarding the circumstances under which they were justified to fire.

The patrol arrived at the foot of the hill shortly before 11 p.m. and proceeded up the same path, which deceased and his party had taken.

At an intersection of paths the two groups met. At the head of his party, deceased must have suspected of someone coming, for he stopped, turned and ran back in the direction where he had come, and others followed.

DECEASED CHALLENGED

Running down the hill, deceased was challenged. After three shouts of 'halt' in English were uttered, deceased, apparently taking no heed of the warning, the patrol fired 17 rounds. Deceased then seemed to stop and sit down. On arrival at the spot, the soldiers found him wounded in both legs.

The Police were notified and arrived later. They found deceased's pulse weak apparently for loss of blood. On the way to the hospital he died.

Dr. H. B. Tai, Health Officer of the Public Mortuary, testified that the cause of death was due to gunshot wounds and haemorrhage.

After further evidence, the enquiry was adjourned until noon to-day.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

FALSE DECLARATION

Stu Hong-to, 24, translator, of No. 17, Wing Lok Street, first floor, and Wong Sing-chi, 30, shopkeeper, of No. 4 Hennessy Road first floor, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on a charge in connexion with the false declaration of an export licence at the Imports and Exports Office. The charge against the two was that they applied a licence for the export of 15 bundles of iron buckets, valued at \$120, but such was false, the goods for which the licence was required being 45 empty oil drums.

First defendant pleaded guilty and said that he had been told to translate a letter of manifestation by second defendant. He admitted that he had made a mistake in his translation but added that the term 'bucket' in Chinese could be similarly translated for drum.

Second defendant's plea of not guilty was accepted by the prosecution and he was subsequently discharged.

Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern told the Court that he understood that first defendant had told second defendant that if the word 'bucket' was not used, an export permit could not be had.

Fine of \$100 or three months' hard labour was imposed.

JUVENILE SNATCHER

Sentence of 12 strokes of the cane was imposed on a 14-year-old juvenile by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a wrist watch, valued at \$12, which was recovered, from the person of Li Sau-long, married woman, of No. 102, Lockhart Road, third floor, at Hennessy Road, near the Southorn Playground.

Defendant was further ordered to the Boys' Industrial School for six months.

Sgt. W. Dall prosecuted.

TRANSACTION OF MINORS

A 54-year-old married woman, Lo Sam, was charged before Major A. N. MacLachlan yesterday with having unlawfully taken part in a transaction of the possession of two boys, Yu Kan, 8, and Yu Ping, 7, for a valuable consideration.

Insp. G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., said that according to information received, he found the two boys, who were reported missing from Western district since last Dec., with defendant in a sampan in Shaikwan harbour.

Defendant stated that she bought the children for \$80 from an unknown woman, who said that they were her grandsons. The boys were well treated, added the Inspector.

Defendant was bound over in the sum of \$25 to be of good behaviour for one year.

HEARING FIXED

Hearing was continued yesterday of the case in which Wan Chi-wong, 31, and Li Ping, 37, both described as brokers, are charged with attempted larceny of 19.7 piculs of wolfram ore, valued at \$3,000, by means of a trick from Hui Shing, accountant of Tung Shing Loong Firm, Cheung Chau Island, and with conspiracy with others unknown to defraud Hui of \$13,600 Chinese currency, fols of complainant gave evidence.

The case is being heard before Mr. Lowry.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Ross appeared for the prosecution and Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman was for the Police. First defendant was represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios and second by Mr. P. C. Woo.

Further hearing was fixed for 11.30 a.m. on May 15.

DEMANDING WITH MENACES

Convicted of a charge of demanding with menaces the sum of \$500 from Lau Chuen, assistant manager of the Tung Tak Import and Export Firm, Wing Wo Street, between Mar. 14 and 17, Li Kwong, 34, cook, and Fung Chiu, 27, messenger, were sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Det. Sub-Ins. J. O'Donovan, while both defendants were represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Ross.

The case of the prosecution was that defendants demanded the sum for the so-called Mang Lung Tong (Fierce Dragon Gang) from complainant.

The death occurred on April 24, at the Shanghai General Hospital, of Mary Anne, wife of P. W. Ephraim. The funeral (cremation) service was held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel on April 28.

AT KOWLOON

FALSE REPORT

The report of the robbery in Argyle Street on Apr. 29 proved to be a hoax and yesterday Ho Muk, 44, pig breeder, and Cheng Yick, 27, sweet maker, were charged before Mr. Anderson with giving false information to the Police.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser said that on Apr. 29, defendants made a report to the effect that first accused had been held up by five men, armed with a revolver and dagger, and robbed him of \$615.73.

Investigation showed that no such thing had happened and it gave the Police a great deal of trouble.

First accused was sentenced to 10 weeks' hard labour, while second was given a month's hard labour.

PAINTED ADVERTISEMENT

Chan Pak-shing, of No. 148, Yee Kok Street, Lam Fong, of No. 311, Queen's Road, and Tai Shing Che, of No. 380, Prince Edward Road, were summoned before Mr. Macnamara yesterday for defacing the road cutting by painting advertisements without permission from the P. W. D.

Sgt. Alexander said that first defendant, painted advertisements for Chinese medicine near the A. R. P. tunnel at Gascolgne Road and the second defendant's offence was of a similar nature.

Each accused was fined \$10. The last accused, who faced two summonses of similar nature, was fined \$30.

RICE DEALERS FINED

For selling rice at a price in excess of that fixed by the Government, Chan Sze, of the Yee Cheong Loong rice shop, at 95, Kwelin St. and Chan Cheuk-man, of the Man Fat Loon rice shop, at No. 258, Kilong Street, were summoned before Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

Sgt. F. Roberts said that first accused sold 22 catties of first grade rice for 45 cents which was 14 cents in excess for each catty. Second defendant sold a picul of first grade rice at \$16.60 which was \$2.20 in excess.

Both defendants were fined \$20 each.

GAMBLERS RAIDED

Lai Hing, 56, and Wong Kwai, 53, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday on the charge of keeping No. 63, Ngan Tsin Wai Road as a "Po Tse" gaming house.

First accused was fined \$75 or two months' hard labour, while second defendant, who was additionally charged with breach of a deportation order, was fined \$75 or three months' hard labour and a further three months on the last charge.

Seventeen gamblers, who failed to appear had, each of their \$2 ball estimated. One defendant was fined \$2.

Table money of \$4.65 picked up was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

SCHOOLGIRL CAUTIONED

Pleading guilty to a charge of alighting from a moving bus, an 18-year-old schoolgirl, Leung Ling-ye, was cautioned by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Sgt. B. Ross said that defendant alighted from bus near the Mongkok Police Station about 6.15 a.m. on April 25 whilst the bus was in motion. She was taken to the Kowloon Hospital where she had been detained for five days suffering from concussion of the left knee.

CONVICTION REGISTERED

For stealing clothing and cooking utensils from three different addresses on the same morning, Chan Chau, 30, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Defendant was stopped by a Chinese constable with a quantity of clothing and three chopsticks in his possession. He admitted that he had stolen from three different places.

DEFENCE FILED

A statement of defence was filed by the defendants stating that on discovery of the fact that delivery could not be made, defendants by agreement with plaintiff, were released from the contract which was rescinded and cancelled. This, Mr. Chen said, was denied by plaintiff.

Mr. Chen said that negotiations were begun on Nov. 4 on behalf of the defendant firm and the plaintiff firm through a broker and an agreement was reached on the evening of Nov. 5.

Evidence was given by plaintiff, Ng Yik-chi.

Chin Ching, accountant of the Tak Kee Co., testified to the purchases by plaintiff firm.

Lee Kwan-shung, broker in the transaction, said the price of paper rose because the dealers learned that a certain contract had not been fulfilled and they put up the price.

Judgment for plaintiff on the claim, and costs, was given by his Lordship.

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CAPTAIN JAMES ROOSEVELT IN CHUNGKING

Entertained By Minister For Foreign Affairs

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Central).—Captain James Roosevelt, eldest son of President Roosevelt, who flew to Chengtu yesterday morning, accompanied by Major Gerald Thomas and Mr. McHugh, Foreign Office representative, called on General Chang Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government.

Captain Roosevelt was guest of honour at a luncheon party given by General Chang at noon at the Officers' Moral Endeavour Association. A number of prominent Chinese and foreigners resident in Chengtu were also invited.

After the luncheon, Captain Roosevelt visited the West China Union University.

DINNER PARTY

At 5 p.m. Captain Roosevelt and his party flew back to Chungking to attend a dinner party given by Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister for Foreign Affairs, in honour of his arrival in China and the imminent departure of Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, outgoing American Ambassador to China, in the evening.

Among others present at the dinner were General Pai Chung-hui, Vice-Chief of General Staff, Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, General Chang Chih-chung, Director of the Political Board of the National Military Council, General Chen Ming-shu, President of the People's Foreign Relations Association, Mr. Chang Chi-luan, Editor-in-Chief of the Ta Kung Pao, Mr. Hsu Mo, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ling Chi-han, Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and members of the staff of the American Embassy in Chungking.

MISSIONARY KILLED

An unidentified American missionary was reported to be among the persons recently massacred by the Japanese at Hothow, chief port of Hainan Island, according to military intelligence reports, which add that the American church at Hothow has been sealed and life of the 20 Chinese taking refuge there was shot.

The Japanese lately carried out mass executions of Chinese at Hothow, the number of victims totalling more than 100 persons. (Central News).

Hongkong Philharmonic Society

ANNUAL REPORT

The following is the annual report of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society to be presented at the annual general meeting of the Society to be held on Thursday next, May 8, in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel at 5.30 p.m.:

The Income and Expenditure Account reveals an excess of Expenditure over Income of \$114.23 on the year's working.

Your committee have to report that owing to the prevailing conditions they found it impossible to proceed with a production this year. They met early in June to discuss this matter, and it was agreed that as letters were so long in transit and our last one to N.O. D.A. had remained unanswered, we should cable Feldmans direct to ascertain if they were in a position to supply vocal scores and hand parts of a proposed production.

Whilst we were negotiating with these friends the evacuation from Hongkong of women and children took place. This meant the departure of our prospective ladies chorists and possible principals; and further calls upon the men of the Colony for volunteer training duties made it improbable that we should be able to get together male principals or chorus. As we require approximately a cast of sixty people and an orchestra of twenty, we found it impossible to proceed, and the idea of a production was therefore abandoned for the time being. The prospects of obtaining personnel became worse as the year wore on, and we had eventually to give up all hopes of putting on a show this year.

It is with regret that we report the death of Miss Eva Finlay and Mr. H. P. Morton; two very staunch supporters of the society for many years past.

The Society is greatly indebted to the Management of the Takoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. for their most generous action in granting the Society free storage facilities for scenery, etc.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Apr. 30:—Cholera, four cases; Dysentery, seven cases; Enteric fever, three cases; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 15 cases.

Paper Firm Sued For Breach Of Contract

A suit, claiming \$5,300 damages as the result of breach of contract for the sale of 1,000 reams of cigarette paper, was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn, was the Tai Lai firm, No. 10 Lee Sing Street, and the Kum Sun Box Co., of No. 7 Circular Pathway, and Kam Chun-kai, managing partner, were cited as the defendants, who were not present in Court.

Plaintiff claimed the sum as the amount of damages he suffered by the breach of contract by defendant for the sale and delivery of 1,000 reams of cigarette paper at \$11.70 per ream which was to be delivered on or before Nov. 8, 1940. Defendant failed to make delivery and plaintiff, on Nov. 11, purchased in the open market 250 reams of the said cigarette paper at \$17 per ream and, on Nov. 13, another 70 reams at the same price.

Mr. Chen said that, until recently defendant was represented by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, who accepted service of the writ and conducted the proceedings on their behalf.

Mr. Chen said that plaintiff paid, as the result of the breach of contract, \$17,000, whereas, the contract price was \$11,700, making a difference of \$5,300 which was the amount claimed.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office at the Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 17th May, 1941 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Board of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 17th May, 1941, both days inclusive.

LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1941.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the agreement between Calbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd., and Mr. W. G. Schnabel has been terminated by mutual arrangement as from the 30th April, 1941.

T. ADDIS MARTIN,
Manager.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Wednesday, the 7th May, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 2nd May to Wednesday, the 7th May, 1941 both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 24th April, 1941.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, 30th April, 1941.

ROAD BLOCKED

It is notified for general information that the clear Water Bay Road is blocked for traffic at the 7 1/2 mile stone. Work of clearing is in progress and it will probably take seven to eight days before the road is open to traffic at this point.

BIRTH

MARTIN—On 1st May 1941, at the Queen Mary Hospital, to Constance, Wife of T. Addis Martin, a daughter.

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FACTS & FIGURES

ANOTHER glorious page in British history has been written by the highly successful and heroic evacuation of British Imperial troops from Greece. The facts and figures of this difficult operation were furnished to the House of Commons on Wednesday by the Prime Minister and must have brought a great measure of relief to many who were waiting, more anxiously than was apparent, perhaps, to hear how many brave men had been able to reach safety in view of the heavy odds against which they had so gallantly fought. The anxiety of the people at Home had no doubt been increased by the exaggerated claims made by the enemy and this was one of the factors which prompted Mr. Churchill to give the public the true figures as soon as they were made available to him. His announcement that 45,000 men of the 60,000 originally landed in Greece had been able to leave Greece indicates the skilful manner in which the evacuation was carried out, while the statement that British casualties of killed and wounded only totalled 3,000 makes it probable that some proportion of the remaining 15,000 men might still be able to get away.

THE PRIME MINISTER made it clear that only the gallantry of the British and Greek troops and the indomitable courage of the Royal Air Force had made this evacuation so successful. In the face of terrific onslaughts, by the full weight of the German mechanised forces, the British and their Greek comrades had carried out a brilliant rear-guard action and, handicapped as the Royal Air Force was in the lack of airfields, the retreating troops had been afforded every possible cover and protection from the advancing German hordes. Such conduct, as Mr. Churchill said, merited the highest praise. Added to this display of brilliant heroism was the striking gesture of the Greek Government in begging the British to undergo no further sacrifices on their behalf and pleading with them to withdraw in time while the exhausted remnants of the Greek army was still able to assist in this manoeuvre. By this display of unbroken spirit and resolution, the Greeks have earned the further admiration of the world and have increased the determination of those who are fighting aggression to see that they should survive in the end and that full freedom shall be restored to them.

THESE are facts which will weigh strongly when the debate on the war opens in the House of Commons next week. The mind of the public at home is at present confused and, in such a state of

"MRS. DOT"

Selection As Final Play
By European Y.M.C.A.
A.D.C. Was Happy ChoiceNORAH WITCHELL OUTSTANDING
AS LADY SELLENGER

The Y.M.C.A. AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB'S selection of Somerset Maugham's "MRS. DOT" for their final offering of the current season was indeed a happy one, as it proved to be yesterday when the local play-going public heartily applauded it at the West Lounge Theatre on opening night.

The comedy was a natural choice for the Y.M.C.A. players, no single part being substantially longer than any of the others and no fewer than six of the 11 characters being given by the author sufficient stage time and importance to make something of their roles.

The play serves also as a vehicle to the introduction of another Producer, the new name being that of Charles Thom, who will be remembered as "Sir Toby" of the winter production of "Twelfth Night."

LIMITLESS PATIENCE

To get the best out of "Mrs. Dot," the Y.M.C.A. players had to get the best available producer. A play with many tricky situations, everyone of which could very easily have fallen flat on the audience, it required first limitless patience in direction and then the utmost co-operation among the players.

CHARLES THOM, though he will not admit it, must have had a good deal of the patience required, but throws the bouquets over, when these are thrust at him, to the cast. He speaks of splendid co-operation, and the players echo this sentiment about the producer.

The play, as presented by the Y.M.C.A. players, is the most acceptable one of a dozen offered to the local public in the last two years. Pointing no moral, it satisfies another extreme in being light with at least a vestige of sense left attached to it.

If Maugham had meant, as his name for the play suggests, the star part for "Mrs. Dot," he failed to achieve his objective and left it to at least six of the players to try and capture the spotlight.

FIRST HONOURS

Of the half-dozen players left thus striving for first honours, the one who did take them was NORAH WITCHELL, who did the most by every opportunity to steal what scenes the dialogue and plot permitted her, and as the forthright Lady Selenger, striving to save her pretty daughter, by fair means or foul, for a £10,000-year suitor, she presented a very convincing characterisation.

FREDDIE CLEMO does well as Freddie Perkins (Eton and Oxford) and takes second honours in a role calling for much personal interpretation. He gives it in good doses and never seems to miss. PEGGY SHARPE makes a pretty Nellie Sellenger and when she permits her heart a flutter in the company of young Freddie, it makes one of the best comedy scenes of the year.

Next honours go to two minor parts, made the most of by two old troupers, WILLIAM KIRBY, as Charles the waiter, and RITA COLE, as Aunt Eliza, remain very

confusion, people are apt to think less clearly than they are wont to do. In such a state of confusion also critics of the Government and its officers are inclined to lose their sense of proportion and perspective. Mr. Churchill's statement on the evacuation should do much to restore a correct mental balance in the public mind and, no matter how far demands will be made on the Government for finding ways and means to increase the British war effort and however much irritation may be felt with the methods of mobilising industry and labour at Home for the task of defeating the enemy, there should be no complaint against the manner in which the Government honoured its pledge to Greece in the hour of her trial. Facts and figures speak eloquently and no one will deny now that the sacrifice made by Britain in the matter of 3,000 glorious dead and wounded was not in vain.

CORRESPONDENCE
THE FELLOWSHIP OF
THE BELLOWS

To the Editor, H. K. Daily Press
Sir.—It is possible that many of your readers have not heard of the latest effort in Hongkong to raise money for the Bomber Fund, i.e. The Fellowship of the Bellows, a Society to "Raise the Wind" for the R. A. F. The aims and particulars of the Society have been published already, but may I again state them briefly?

(1) Each member promises to do his best to pay one cent for every Enemy plane brought down per month.

(2) The number of planes brought down will be published monthly, and payments collected. Collecting Boxes will be placed at various centres, or the subscriptions, known as "Blow ins" can be forwarded to the Treasurer, "Receiver of the Windfalls."

(3) To join the Society each prospective member pays two dollars, for which he (or she) will receive the Society's Badge and Booklet.

(4) There is a scheme of promotion in the Society whereby one rises from a "Whirl" to a "Hurricane," explained in the Booklet.

(5) The Society has the full approval and support of the Hongkong War Effort Committee. No amount is too small and none too large to be received, and the proceeds will be handed over to this Committee to be paid to the S. C. M. P. Bomber Fund.

The idea is catching on well and we have already a membership of 1000 in sight. This number would bring in at least \$3000.—per month, and we want to treble that amount.

I shall be pleased to enrol anyone who applies to me at the address below, or applications can be made to the Whirlwind (Secretary) c/o The Far East Oxygen and Acetylene Co. Ltd., Kowloon.

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Kowloon.

A SORROWFUL
SCENE

[The Editor, H.K. Daily Press]

Sir.—At 3.30 p.m. today, while waiting for a bus at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf, my attention was drawn by the cries of a big crowd of women round the Government offices opposite. Hundreds of these women had babies on their backs. The police tried to chase them away, but this only made the crowd cry louder. I presumed they were former workers of the Night Soil Guild. As long as I live I shall never forget such a sorrowful scene.

Why cannot the Representatives of the Chinese Community, the Churches and Women Organisations, for the sake of humanity and the peace of Hongkong, study the cause of these poor people.

HAVE A HEART.

condition as to be dangerous or prejudicial to health" as being a nuisance.

HARDLY FAIR-PLAY

But the officers responsible for the raid appeared to have overlooked the fact that those people, whose homes they had so callously destroyed, contributed in their small way towards the welfare of the Colony, for many, if not all, of them were vegetable farmers and pig-breeders.

Irrespective of the importance, or unimportance, of these people, the method employed to deprive them of their homes—and, with these homes, all their worldly possessions—was scarcely a contribution to maintaining the prestige of the local Government and all that the phrase "British Justice" has stood for, and should always stand for—fairplay and justice for the under-dog as well as for the wealthy!



Searching among the ruins after the fire.

WHEN IS A CONVOY NOT A CONVOY?
CONFUSION OVER RECENT
EVENTS CLEARED UP BY
SIR FREDERICK WHYTE

"And how, you may ask, is London taking it? Well, let's follow the feelings of the public in this week of crisis. You know how London takes things that happen here, but it is not easy to see what the public feels and thinks about more distant events," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., and former political adviser to the Chinese National Government when he broadcast from London on Wednesday.

"When the Londoner is faced with his own danger the issue is simple, but when the whole strategy of the war is involved he is a little at sea," continued Sir Frederick.

CONFUSED MOOD

"When the people around him say this and that and other things he is confused and in this mood of being confused people are apt to look for a scapegoat. Now, in this past week, there have been a few critics in the press who have sought for a scapegoat, but the public as a whole has not followed them. The public, indeed, has been anxious—for these are grave and critical days and the people know it. But the people have been more anxious about Thermopylae and Athens than about London."

"Mr. Churchill, in the past week, told us to keep our sense of proportion. He makes it easy for us to do so because he hits off the popular mood every time he makes a speech and the mood of the people is measured by what they feel and what they think."

"Mr. Churchill starts off by saying exactly what they feel and know that the people are saying 'What are we to think?', he has given them the answer. He never allows any events to distort his vision of the whole picture. We also know that he practices what he preaches and this strengthens us and makes him the very reincarnation of all that spirit which Britain needs in this war. The public has to apply the lesson for themselves."

THINGS TO REMEMBER

"I can, therefore, pass on a hint to you as to how we do it—it is because the Prime Minister's advice to the people makes a study in democratic leadership."

"London sees the gravity of the events, but faces it undismayed because of its resolution," continued Sir Frederick. "The people remember the Prime Minister's injunction to keep a sense of perspective by looking back at what Britain has already passed through and by looking at the Eastern Mediterranean in its relation to the whole war."

"Britain's danger reached its climax ten months ago. It was consequent on the exposure of the British Isles to attack, which, if it had been followed up then, would have far exceeded the danger of the present. The Prime Minister advised us to remember these things."

"A lot of you may think that I am trying to keep my own spirits up by saying this and, therefore, let me say a word about the gravity of our present position. These are grave days. The latest Nazi thrust has swept away two more countries into Herr Hitler's orbit and Nazi power now stands on the shores of the Aegean Sea."

NORTH AFRICA

"In North Africa the tide of success has turned against us and General Wavell's victorious army has been forced back on the defensive. How this happened, only historians will be able to answer later on. There are people who are holding a post mortem over it already, but the fault-finder is at fault when he says that we should not have taken the risk of helping Greece."

"Suppose we had not helped Greece? The armies of Greece would certainly have given a good account of themselves, but the Nazi advance would have been a much swifter affair and it would have injured our credit and damaged our reputation throughout the world. The critics would have been louder in their denunciation of us for not going to their help."

"As to the outcome of all this—we are far from knowing what it is going to be. General Wavell and Admiral Cunningham have forced Herr Hitler to move and, therefore, in the long view of the war, which is the only possible view, there is no cause for depression, but rather, indeed, for relief that so much time has been gained for our preparations for the final round of the conflict. I am sure that it was with this in mind that the Prime Minister spoke of

proportion—always a sense of proportion.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

"There is evidence of prominent witnesses to support what he said. The Moscow commentator said that Herr Hitler's campaigns would meet with many obstacles. This expert Soviet student of war said, with a proper perspective of the issues, that the first stage of the Nazi Balkan campaign was a foregone conclusion, but that the losses of men and material inflicted by the allied forces was considerable and that Herr Hitler's advance to Iraq and Iran would not be easy. The British Fleet in the Mediterranean is Herr Hitler's bug-bear."

"My second witness is General Smuts," went on Sir Frederick. "Some people said that General Smuts was depressed at the news from the Balkans. They forget that in the last war that the position of the allies in that part of Europe was worse, but still the allies moved to final victory."

"This is what General Smuts had to say: 'This war will not be settled in the Balkans and all the confusion and commotion which Germany has made there will make for hard fighting what ever the present successes she may have achieved.' General Smuts had also said that it was to Britain's credit that she had gone to the help of the Greeks. So Germany may be winning victories and yet losing the war."

THIRD WITNESS

"That bring me to my third witness," continued Sir Frederick, "and that is President Roosevelt. The latest evidence shows how far American opinion has moved. When we were in trouble last summer, the American isolationists were strong and showed their influence. Today we are in trouble again, but this time the effect of our danger is to sharpen the American resolve to redouble the aid she is giving to Britain."

"And so America now moves far beyond her own patrol waters to establish new patrols against a marauding enemy. Does patrol mean convoy, asked journalists in America. 'No,' said the President. 'It does not. And so it might seem that the President's new move will relieve us of convoying our ships practically all the way across.'"

"I think I can put the question in a different and more illuminating form—When is a convoy not a convoy? And the answer is: When there is an American destroyer flotilla on the horizon on patrol."

"In the meantime, if I were one of Herr Hitler's U-Boat commanders, I would not feel so easy about the difference between a convoy and a patrol. Whatever it may be, the United States move brings just the balance necessary to tip us up."

"Mr. Churchill's proportion gives us a true view—one of the western horizon in the United States and the other of the eastern horizon in the Balkans. At each end America appears."

NEWSETTES

The marriage took place on April 23, at the U.S. Consulate, Shanghai, of Miss Tourny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Karst, of St. Louis, Mo., to Mr. William Walt, of Shanghai.

The death occurred on March 31, at White Rock, B.C., of Annie Elizabeth Black (formerly Robinson), late of Shanghai and Hongkong.

The death occurred on April 27, at The Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Joaquim Madeira, aged 52 years, of the General Electric Company of China. Funeral services were held at the Hungjiao Road Cemetery on April 28.

The death occurred on April 23, at The Shanghai General Hospital, of Eduardo (Eddie) Maria Baptista, aged 7 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Baptista. Funeral services were held on April 25, at the Bubbling Well Cemetery.

THE FIGHT IS STILL FAR FROM FINISHED FOR THE GALLANT GREEKS

"To the Germans the Swastika flying on the Acropolis will soon become a symbol of their unwanted intrusion in a land which did not want them and which despised them," said M. STAVREDI, well-known authority on the Balkans, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"The physical struggle for the mainland of Greece draws to a close and the country will have to accept the humiliation of a puppet government set up by the German masters, while Italy and Bulgaria sit around waiting for morsels to be thrown at them," began M. Stavredi.

NO REASON FOR SHAME
M. Stavredi said that the Greeks had no reason to be ashamed of their defeat. They had fought against troops who were increasingly superior in numbers.

"It was on October 28 that Italy attacked Greece, when an ultimatum was handed to General Metaxas," said M. Stavredi. "There was not a moment of hesitation through the whole country. Political squabbles and jealousies were put aside and the whole nation rose in arms to defend its civilisation."

"They were undismayed and then followed those first anxious days. The Italians were on the soil of Greece. How long could the Greeks hold out? Could the army be mobilised in time? Yes, it could and in one glorious sweep it drove the Italians back."

M. Stavredi described how the Greek army had pushed on and on in triumphant progress, gradually closing in on the Italian communications. Then came the winter when planes could not see to fly, the artillery could not see to fire and the soldiers could hardly see to fight.

ONE AIM
"But still the Greeks went on, always with one aim—to destroy the Italian army," said M. Stavredi. "At times they advanced hand-in-hand so as not to lose each other in the snow-storms. Peak after peak, one position after another fell to their assaults. The strain of those six months was both physical and mental."

"Then came the spring and with the spring came Signor Mussolini and the so-called smashing Italian counter-offensive was launched. But instead of sweeping everything before it, the smashing counter-offensive smashed itself against the Greek resistance. The Italian soldiers gave their lives in vain to satisfy the vanity of one man."

"And then a new danger that was obtrusively present all the time, began to show its head. In the face of increasing German irritation, the Greeks decided to

fight even without help from their allies.

FORCED TO GIVE UP
"The story of the German attack, the arrival of the British Imperial troops in Greece and the stubborn defence of the Greeks is too fresh in our minds to need repetition. The Greek army in Albania, after withdrawal from positions which it had fought so hard to win, was forced to give up the fight."

"It is hard to think of these soldiers having to give up, one by one, towns in the capture of which they had made military history. It is hard to think of the Imperial troops fighting their way through the mountains with Herr Hitler's mechanised army."

"The Greeks became short of ammunition, short of lorries and short of planes. But their hearts were still stout for freedom and so in their extreme need they asked the Imperial troops to preserve themselves from the danger that would come to them. They asked them to leave Greece to the Germans. They sacrificed their last chance for the cause of the freedom of the world."

THEIR REWARD
"Their reward is that out of some 60,000 men who came to help them, at least 45,000 got away to carry on the fight for freedom. So the physical struggle for the mainland ends."

"But for Greece the fight is far from finished. Those Greeks who remain under German domination will have to give up the physical fight, but the mental fight is still before them. Germany will not be content to allow people in her power to remain proud and individualistic. So the spirit of the Greeks will have to be attacked."

M. Stavredi said that already Macedonia and Thrace had been put under Italian and Bulgarian soldiers. There was the Swastika on Mount Olympus which the Greeks would never forget.

"It is spring now in Greece," went on M. Stavredi. "What will this spring mean to the Teuton Germans? It will make them feel lonely and outcasts—pariahs to those who know them. To the Germans the Swastika flying on the Acropolis will soon become a symbol of their unwanted intrusion in a land which did not want them and which despised them."

"The spirit of Greece lives on—unconquerable. Greece will survive to be reborn to that courage and to the unconquerable love of freedom."

WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES

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available good port of Piraeus in Athens, and consequently the re-embarkation had to take place from open beaches against continual enemy pressure on land and heavy repeated attacks from the air.

In such circumstances, the withdrawal of large numbers of troops could be effected only at the cost of heavy losses of vehicles and equipment while the rear-guards which covered the withdrawal may have to sacrifice themselves to secure the re-embarkation of others.

COLOSSAL LOSSES
MELBOURNE, May 1 (Reuter)—Advices received show Germany's colossal losses in men and machines in Greece, according to a joint statement by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister and Mr. Foll, Minister of the Interior. Operations were conducted with lower British losses than might have been expected for the military results obtained.

TURKISH DEFENCES
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The defensive dispositions of the Turks have been greatly modified by the German occupation of certain Aegean Islands, cables the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

Turkish attention is now concentrated on the Smyrna region where President Inonu is believed to be making a tour of inspection. German intention, continues the correspondent, appears to be a junction with the Italians in the Dodecanese with the object of isolating Turkey and extending the Axis tentacles towards Syria while avoiding the necessity of a difficult campaign against Turkey.

By sidetracking the Dardanelles, Germany avoids the danger of provoking Russia and will still be able to benefit from the Soviet economic help while she pursues a drive towards the Near East.

The correspondent believes that a large part of the German merchant fleet in the Black Sea, consisting of eight large steamers, will shortly be sent to the Aegean to maintain supplies in the occupied islands.

ITALIAN CLAIM
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The Italian News Agency claims that the Greek battalion that has been holding out in the interior of Corfu has been overpowered.

YUGOSLAV NAVY
LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The Yugoslav Navy is actively participating in the work of the British Navy and one Yugoslav submarine and two Yugoslav motor-torpedo boats have safely arrived at a British port.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW S.P.C.

SHANGHAI, May 1 (Reuter)—Writing a new chapter in Shanghai's fast-moving history, the new Provisional Council to govern Shanghai's International Settlement held its first meeting this afternoon.

The Council unanimously elected Mr. J. H. Liddell, China-born British, aged 41, as Chairman and Mr. I. Okamoto, Vice-Chairman.

One of only two pro-Chungking Chinese given seats on the Council, was kidnapped by Wang Ching-wel elements and then released just in time to attend the meeting. He is Mr. L. T. Yuan.

Rumours are that he was forced to go over the Wang side.

HAYASHI CASE
TOKYO, May 1 (Reuter)—Three months after he had shot at Mr. W. J. Keswick, then Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mr. Okamoto, at a special ratemakers' meeting on Jan. 23, Yukichi Hayashi was brought up for trial in the Nagasaki District Court today when the public prosecutor asked for sentence of two years' imprisonment.

OHUNGKING, May 1 (Reuter)—It is reliably reported that the Foo-hsing and the Foo-hua Trading Corporations under the Foreign Trade Commission will shortly be amalgamated into one corporation "in order to increase working efficiency."

TOKYO, May 1 (Reuter)—A regular liaison conference between the Government and the High Command Defence Service which is scheduled to be held today is postponed on account of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuo's illness.

CYRIL LAKIN MANY ANXIOUS HEARTS RELIEVED BY OFFICIAL NEWS OF EVACUATION

"Thousands of anxious hearts in Australia and New Zealand will be relieved by the official news that 48,000 Imperial troops in Greece have been already evacuated," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. commentator when he broadcast from London yesterday.

Mr. Lakin said that the total of 60,000 sent to Greece was more than was originally thought and the casualties, 3,000 killed and wounded, much less than it was feared. Worldwide sympathy would be expressed for the bereaved.

COLOSSAL-ODDS
The men who volunteered for service in the Greek campaign, said Mr. Lakin, knew that they would be up against colossal odds. Mr. Lakin reminded his listeners that in the last war the retreat from Gallipoli and the Somme was followed by victories in 1918 in France and Palestine.

Any retreat operation was difficult especially when there was constant attack from the air without the power to hit back.

Mr. Lakin explained that it was not because the R.A.F. was weak in Greece, but owing to the lack of airfields, and long-range bombers cannot operate without the protection of fighters.

GREAT SKILL
Mr. Lakin paid tribute to the great skill and devotion of the three fighting Services in the evacuation which he described as marvellous, but which Mr. Churchill the Premier, in his wish to underestimate good news, had described as remarkable.

Referring to the Greek note to the British Government, Mr. Lakin said that history recalled no better act of consideration for an ally.

WAS WORTHWHILE
The campaign had been worthwhile, as Herr Hitler had been forced to dissipate his forces and had suffered tremendous losses in men and material. When France collapsed, Herr Hitler thought he had won the war. Britain, he thought, was dead, but she would not lie down.

With increasing aid from America the war would not be allowed to drag on indefinitely. There was no indication of the purpose of the landing of 12,000 German troops in Finland, but it would be watched with interest, concluded Mr. Lakin.

Comments By The Press

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN in a leader yesterday said: "Japan is committed to southward expansion. She means to dominate the Western Pacific forcing the countries therein to submit to her 'new order' and as vassal states, to build up her economic strength."

"The Japanese are dubious about the Moscow Pact. They see M. Stalin means to go on weakening them until he sees them up to the neck in war with someone else; they suspect, doubtless with reason, that he will turn North China 'Red' as far as he can with a view to future profit."

Behind other obstacles to Japan's southward expansion programme, says the paper, in an editorial, is the standing fear that the United States would not allow her to make a triumphant war in the western Pacific, crushing the Dutch East Indies and attack the British position from the Far East to the Red Sea.

SEE ROOSEVELT
Hence, a Japanese writer's suggestion that Mr. Matsuo should now fly to see President Roosevelt. Recalling Mr. Cordell Hull's words on January 16, that "Japan has been actuated from the start by broad and ambitious plans for establishing herself in a dominating position in the entire region of the western Pacific."

It should be manifest to every person that such a programme for subjugation and ruthless exploitation by one country of nearly one half of the population of the world, is a matter of intense significance, importance and concern to every other nation, wherever located.

"Yes, yes, it would be a good thing for all if Mr. Matsuo saw the President."

"MOBILISATION" OF RED ARMY

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street demonstrations are banned in German-occupied Brussels.

The festival in Brazil includes the laying of the foundation stone of a monument given by labourers of Brazil in honour of President Vargas and the establishment of a labour mediation board designed for the protection of workers in all disputes with employers.

President Vargas presiding over the celebrations, will stress the importance of labour in a speech to the nation.

MIKADO'S MESSAGE

TOKYO, May 1 (Reuter)—THE EMPEROR today cabled a message of felicitations to the chancellors of Herr Hitler on the occasion of Germany's Labour holiday.

LOCAL OBSERVANCE

International Labour Day was observed by all Chinese labour unions in HONGKONG yesterday, when all factories were closed for the day.

A mass meeting, organised by the Hongkong-Kowloon Labourers' Relief Association, held last evening was attended by representatives of other organisations in the Colony.

The Labour Section of the Chinese Y. W. C. A. held an oratorical contest on "The Duties of Labourers during the present War of Resistance." This was followed by a patriotic play.

IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, May 1 (Reuter)—The Labour Day was observed throughout the country today.

All the Chungking newspapers carried special supplements this morning while the streets were flagged.

THE KOKUMIN SHIMBUN

TOKYO, May 1 (Reuter)—The KOKUMIN SHIMBUN, referring to the "eminently favourable" international position in which Japan today finds herself, declares in a front page editorial that "it is absolutely necessary to stop aid to Chiang Kai-shek by Britain, the United States and other third Powers in order to settle the China hostilities."

The paper, claiming that victory for the Axis is practically assured, asserts: "Therefore the situation demands expansion of the drive against the old order elements in Japan and collaboration with Germany and Italy to establish the new order in East Asia."

NO INTENTION
It continues: "Japan is now simply trying to effect a complete solution of the China hostilities and has no intention of taking advantage of the security of the north resulting from the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact to drive southward by force."

"If the United States, Britain or any other Power continues to aid Chungking, unmindful of the situation, there will be no other course for Japan than to plunge into a firm and final step to achieve our objectives."

"If there are any who would obstruct the carrying out of Japan's immovable policy, we should strike a powerful blow regardless of domestic and foreign obstacles and proceed with the completion of our objectives."

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter)—The death is announced of Major General Sir Dudley Howard Ridout, K.C., B.E., C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C. Straits Settlements, from 1915 to 1921.

More 'Homes' Needed To Solve Beggar Problem

Though Malaya is well-known as a land of plenty, visitors to these shores are often struck by the numerous beggars that swarm in the streets. The visitors are usually followed at every turn by beggars of all castes, creeds and description, and their first impressions are disillusioning.

They are made to feel that Malaya is after all a land where poverty is rife, or, on the other hand, it is a land of plenty where begging is easily made the mode of living by those afraid of hard work, or any work at all.

Fortunately, however, the beggars in Singapore are on the decrease and this is because the public have been made to feel that their alms giving is misdirected charity. Yet it is still a problem in this city and court prosecutions for begging have in no way remedied the evil.

A plan to tackle it could be modelled on that being undertaken by the Shanghai Rotary Club. This Club has evolved a scheme to stop, by force, if necessary, public patronage of beggars in Shanghai.

It is the intention to enforce the stricture if necessary and the force will be directed against the donors rather than the beggars.

Highly-placed residents in Singapore, including a police-officer, interviewed on the subject, did not think however that such a scheme could be effectively worked in cosmopolitan Singapore.

OWN MONEY

"It is just tantamount to telling the public what they can and what they cannot do with their own money," remarked the police officer. "And it just won't work here," he added.

Most of the beggars one meets in Singapore are either children, women, or men of advanced age. It was emphasised that the Government should follow other countries, and build 'homes' for these people, and thereby save them from becoming human derelicts.

The prevalence of begging in Malaya points to lack of social amenities by either the Government and or public bodies.

Recently, the Straits Settlements (Singapore) Association addressed the Government on the matter of providing a "home" for the infirm and aged who were arrested by the Police on charges of begging or vagrancy. The S.S. (S) A. pointed out that it was unfair to send such people to prison.

Government's reply was that the time was inopportune for such a venture as suggested.

Another public body, the Straits Chinese British Association, has plans ready to build a "Boys' Home" to take care of child beggars and unwanted progeny, and when this plan is fulfilled one social problem will have been reduced to a minimum, and there will also be a considerable drop in juvenile crime.

NO INDUSTRIAL UNREST

Reports A Libel On Australian Labour

MELBOURNE, May 1 (Reuter)—There is no industrial unrest in Australia, according to a cable from the Australian Trades Union Council to Mr. Clifline, Secretary General of the British Trades Union Council.

The cable assures British Trade Unionists that reports suggesting there are serious industrial disturbances are untrue and a libel on Australian workers who are determined to destroy the forces of oppression.

"There is no industrial turmoil here," adds the cable.

The message supports an earlier statement by Mr. Holt, Minister of Labour and National Service, who cabled Mr. R. G. Menzies in London describing as "utterly false" enemy propaganda alleging unrest in Australia.

Australian Move For National Government

MELBOURNE, May 1 (Reuter)—A move for a National Government was taken yesterday when Mr. A. W. Fadden, the Australian Acting Prime Minister, decided to confer with the Labour Leader, Mr. John Curtin, and make a formal offer to the Labour Party of portfolios in a National Ministry.

No reply is expected before the Labour Party caucus has considered the proposal.

KINHWA BOMBED BY JAPANESE

RAIDER DOWNED BY A.A. FIRE

KINHWA, May 1 (Central)—Chinese military authorities announced that during a raid over Kinhwa by nine Japanese planes on April 23 one enemy machine was hit by Chinese anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the northern suburbs of Lanki on the Tun Yang Kiang (river), northwest of Kinhwa. The machine was totally wrecked and the Japanese airmen were all killed.

Five Japanese aircraft made another attack on Kinhwa yesterday afternoon. They dropped more than 40 bombs, and machine-gunned the streets.

Last Monday seven Japanese planes bombed Tunglu on the west bank of the Tung River which forms the upper reaches of the Chientang River. About 10 persons were killed and wounded and 100 houses demolished.

MEI LAN-FANG INVITED TO ACT IN CHUNGKING

Dr. Mei Lan-fang, famous Chinese female impersonator who has retired from the stage and has been staying in Hongkong has been invited to act in Chungking to raise war relief funds.

It is learned that Dr. Mei is now considering the matter and, if he accepts the invitation, will leave for the wartime capital in the near future.—(Central).

SHAM AIR ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR

VICHY, May 1 (Reuter)—Troopships escorted by two destroyers arrived at Gibraltar and sailed again, according to an Algeiras despatch.

A sham air attack was made on Gibraltar on Tuesday night when planes dropped sandbags representing bombs.

Last night long-range firing practice was being carried out on the northern front rock.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

H.K. Refugee & Social Welfare Council

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council gratefully acknowledges the following donations for the month of April, 1941:

Mr. Peter Potts \$10; Mrs. Y. H. Poon 23.50; Mrs. L. W. H. Poon 20; Mr. F. V. Jensen 30; Mr. G. S. P. Heywood 30; Mr. King Tai Guan 40; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Campbell 20; Mrs. Huyhes 5; Anonymous 20; Netherlands Hospital Auxiliary 2; Mrs. Cunningham 10; Miss A. K. Morgan 15.75; St. Johns Hall Music Club 250; Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China 50; Messrs. Butterfield and Swire Chinese Staff as a token of appreciation to Mr. Mok Hing-cheung 65; Mr. Peter Potts 10; Sympathiser's five weekly donations 50; A Friend 5; Staff of St. Stephen's Girls College 30.

GIFTS IN KIND

200 pcs. of firewood; Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; Freightage on firewood; Jardine Matheson Co.; 200 pcs. of firewood, Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; Freightage on firewood, Jardine Matheson Co.; 200 bags clothes and 2 boxes rice sticks; Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Two dead bodies were picked up in the harbour by police launches yesterday. The body of a 55-year-old man, partly decomposed, was picked up near the Hongkong Naval Yard, and another body, that of a man, about 50, near the Yau-mat Oid Ferry Pier.

DUBLIN, May 1 (Reuter)—The Dail by agreement, passed with out discussion the Army Vote for 1941-42. The amount for 1939-40, the last army vote made in times of peace was £1,072,025.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WAR APPROPRIATION

During the present session of the Dominion's parliament war finance is the dominant theme. A government resolution has been submitted providing a war appropriation of \$1,300,000,000 during the fiscal year 1941-42. Although this is the largest appropriation in Canadian history, total war costs for the year are expected to exceed this figure by a considerable amount.

In addition to this there will be \$400,000,000 for repatriation of securities, \$433,000,000 for non-war Dominion governments, making a total of \$2,700,000,000 which Dominion, provincial and municipal governments together will have to raise from Canadian people during the fiscal year. This total of

\$2,700,000,000 is over 50 per cent of the national income, or the income of individuals, which is estimated at \$5,300,000,000.

"Throughout the year the Dominion will spend approximately \$20,000,000 on additional armaments construction. Upon the recommendation of the United States-Canada Joint Defence Board, \$9,000,000 of this amount will be spent on building a chain of air-dromes linking Edmonton with Alaska. The balance of \$11,000,000 is to be spent on home defence airfields."

STRICT ECONOMY
Strict economy is being practised in non-war expenditures with the results that the main Dominion estimates for 1941-42, totalling \$433,131,000 for non-war purposes, show a reduction of \$18,120,000 when compared with the current fiscal year. Due to the large orders on war work and the enlistment of thousands of men, unemployment is practically non-existent in the Dominion and contributions by the Dominion Government to direct relief is to be discontinued from March 31.

Another important item in saving was the fact that for the first time since 1927, Canadian National Railways are earning enough to pay operating expenses and interest charges on debt. The U.N.R. appropriation of \$15,000,000 which was voted for in the 1940-41 estimates consequently will not be required in 1941-42.

BRITISH G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE
SOKOTA CAPTURED BY SUDAN UNITS
CAIRO, May 1 (Reuter)—A British G.H.Q. communique announced: "Greece: The withdrawal of our troops is continuing satisfactorily. Libya and Tobruk: No change in the situation. "Sollum: Patrol activities are continuing. "Abyssinia: Units of the Sudan Defence captured Sokota on Sunday last, inflicting many casualties on the enemy. A further 515 prisoners were taken, of whom 400 colonial troops immediately volunteered to enter the Emperor's service. "In all other areas, activities of our own troops and patriot forces continue to clear the country of isolated detachments."

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Man Alleged Beaten Up For Failing To Pay 11 Cents Bill In Teahouse: Manslaughter Hearing

Alleged to have assaulted an unknown Chinese and caused his death for failing to pay 11 cents for tea and cakes, four folks of the Sing Heung teahouse, No. 7, Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, were charged with manslaughter before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Accused were CHAN TAK, 29, OHENG CHAN-LEUNG, 20, CHAN MING-LAP, 21, and CHUNG YU-SHING, 20.

Chief Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey, assisted by Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuted.

Insp. Carey said that the deceased went to partake of tea in the teahouse early on the morning of April 11. After consuming 11 cents worth of tea and cakes, he walked up to the counter about 5.50 a.m. and told the mistress of the shop that he had no money to meet payment.

The mistress was alleged to have pushed the deceased towards the kitchen and, at the same time, second and third accused came down from the cockpit and entered the kitchen.

CRIMES HEARD

Insp. Carey continued that a customer heard cries of "save life" coming from the direction of the rear of the house after the party had entered there. Another man who lived on the second floor of the teahouse, said Insp. Carey, would give evidence that he saw the deceased being fastened to the drainpipe with a rope and being assaulted.

Another man, continued Insp. Carey, saw second and third defendants carrying the body of an unconscious man out from the teahouse.

A report was made to the Police and the defendants were arrested. Giving evidence, Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Kowloon Hospital, said that the cause of death was ruptured spleen. The deceased had bruises on his body.

In evidence, the mistress of the teahouse denied any knowledge of

the incident and that she did not push the deceased into the kitchen.

IN THE YARD

Chan Muk-hin, assistant baker of the teahouse, testified that when he heard cries for help all four accused were in the yard behind the kitchen together with a Chinese, whom he did not recognise as the deceased.

Mok Ying, waitress of the teahouse, deposed that she was aware of the incident and that the mistress did take the deceased by his hand and lead him half-way to the kitchen. She heard three cries of "save life." She went into the yard about 25 minutes later and found the deceased tied with a rope to the drainpipe. Second and third accused were in the yard.

Further hearing was adjourned to this morning.

TWO KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, there were altogether 84 traffic accidents as the result of which two persons were killed and 24 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, a Chinese female, age 23, was knocked down and killed by a motor cycle while crossing the carriageway and an unknown Chinese male died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Of 84 accidents, 31 were collisions between vehicles; 33 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 20 accidents were due to other causes.

YOUTH'S DAY OF CHINA

Message Sent To American Students

On May 4, 1941, the Youth's Day of China, the Canton University English Club recently sent a message to the American Student Union, New York. The message reads as follows:

"In modern Chinese history, May 4 is a day of great significance. It was proclaimed by the Chinese National Government as a Youth's Day and is now being celebrated throughout the land.

"On May 4, 1919 a group of our students at Peking demanded the immediate dismissal of several diplomats who had turned traitors and opposed secret diplomacy manipulated by selfish politicians. The movement resulted in an effective boycott against Japan and, what is more important, it accomplished the thorough awakening of the masses. For the first time in our history, political dissension was swept away by the rising tide of nationalism.

BELIEF IN VICTORY

"Our War of Resistance will be seen enter into its fourth year in July 1941. We have done our best to prosecute the war, and we are entitled to believe that the final victory will be ours.

"A resolution was passed by the Assembly of the American Student Union on December 27, 1940 to the effect that all American university students start a campaign to raise funds on May 4 for the relief of Chinese students. We gladly take this golden opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for your notable work which is indeed a great encouragement to us.

"We Chinese students are fully prepared to support the cause of justice and righteousness. We sincerely invite the students of all Democracies to join hands with us to combat the aggressors."

Hollywood Make-Up Secret Comes To H.K.: Max Factor Booth Opened Yesterday



Interior of the Max Factor booth of Messrs. J. M. da Rocha and Co. in Windsor House.—(King's Studio).

The better you look, the better you feel—life may not begin at 40, but it can be mightily doggedon satisfying!!

These have been the guiding principles on which Max Factor, Jr., the well-known Hollywood beauty expert, has built up the world-famed Max Factor beauty products.

And now Hollywood has been brought to Hongkong by the opening of a Max Factor booth on the ground floor at Windsor House, Des Voeux Road Central, through Max Factor's agents, Messrs. J. M. da Rocha and Company.

ATTRACTIVE BOOTH

The booth, which has been attractively designed, is in charge of Miss Edith da Rocha, who has been specially trained at the Max Factor studios in Hollywood and who will be assisted by three other girls well-versed in the art of cosmetics.

Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Company's enterprise is particularly valuable to the Colony at this

time, since it shows the confidence of this firm in the future, which can only mean an ultimate victory for the Allied cause and the consequent future prosperity of this Colony.

The booth was opened to the public yesterday and Hongkong's society women will be able to secure all the facilities of the make-up used by Hollywood's most famous celebrities.

Advice in the use of the various Max Factor products will be available to everyone and demonstrations will be given on this delicate feminine art.

HOLLYWOOD CONGRATULATIONS

Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Company yesterday received congratulatory messages from no less a person than Max Factor himself and a number of prominent film stars. Here's what they say:—

"Congratulations on opening new Max Factor booth at Windsor House and best wishes for continued success."—MAX FACTOR, JR.

"Greetings from Hollywood and congratulations on bringing Hongkong women our make-up secret."—JOAN CRAWFORD.

"Please accept my sincere wishes for success your new Max Factor booth at Windsor House in Hongkong. Congratulations."—MYRNA LOY.

"Congratulations on your new booth."—MADELINE CARROLL.

It is also interesting to note that Mrs. Mildred West, who is associated with the Max Factor Studio in Hollywood, is expected to arrive in Hongkong in September.

CURRIE COMPLETES SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

WASHINGTON, (By Clipper): Dr. Laughlin Currie, administrative assistant to President Roosevelt, has completed his "special assignment" to China and submitted his findings to the Chief Executive and is now back to his old desk on the second floor of the old grey State Department building across the street from the White House.

From the time he left Washington at the end of January till the time he returned in March Dr. Currie had been much in the limelight and there was considerable speculation as to the exact nature of his "mysterious" mission. He is one of the six close associates to the President who wants to remain anonymous, but he has undoubtedly received more publicity than the other five put together during the last two months due to the importance of his flying trip.

The CENTRAL NEWS correspondent called on Dr. Currie recently and found him still enthusiastic over his first trip to the Orient. He was quite amused by the write-up of the Press conference he gave in Hongkong which appeared in the Hongkong Daily Press. Since he returned to Washington he has not given any press conference or interviews.

MAKE STEADY

He told the Central News that his job was to go to China to make a study for the President and after he submitted his findings, his work was completed. He said Mr. Harry Hopkins and other high government officials who have recently visited Europe have never given interviews in which they revealed their findings.

When told that correspondents attending the White House Press conferences during the last three weeks had raised the question of his trip and report, Dr. Currie replied that aid to China was specifically mentioned in President Roosevelt's speech on March 15th. At this time the Administration could not say what aid was being given in terms of dollars and cents and the amounts of supplies. The same held true for aid to Britain and Greece.

Dr. Currie was a bit annoyed when told that the Japanese newspapers, two days after his return to Washington, had published identical reports saying that he was "pessimistic" about China's war chances. He reiterated to the Central News that he still held to the views which he expressed be-

fore leaving China; that he had great faith and confidence in China's future.

From various sources the Central News has learned that Dr. Currie submitted a very favourable report about China to the President. There is no doubt that he is concerned with events in China even today. He said he had just received a telegram from Chungking stating that rains had been plentiful and that the rice crops this season would be good. Some Washingtonians who have lived for many years in China and who have privately discussed with Dr. Currie about his trip state that he obtained a very intelligent and accurate picture of the situation which he was sent to investigate.

AVOIDED ANSWERS

Although President Roosevelt has time and again avoided answering questions at the White House Press conference concerning Dr. Currie's report, informed circles here state that the President may be keeping the Japanese guessing, but, definite aid to China will come as a result of Dr. Currie's report and the passage of the Lend-Lease Bill.

Dr. Currie receives U.S. \$10,000 a year for his salary. Before he went to China he never travelled by plane but his one trip more than made up for lost time as he made a record flight of 24,000 miles.

Writing in a recent issue of The Nation, L.F. Stone says: "Currie came back rather more optimistic than otherwise, and Chiang Kai-shek immensely impressed Currie by his astuteness, his austerity and his awareness of his own historic role and mission. In him China for the first time has a truly national leader."

LONDON, May 1 (Reuters)—Greece, except Crete, is to be regarded as enemy occupied territory for the purpose of the Trading with the Enemy Act and of blockade, announced the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

JOAN CRAWFORD
Glamorous Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Star

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TELEGRAM
ROCHA—HONGKONG—30 April Greetings from Hollywood and congratulations on bringing Hong Kong Women our Make-Up Secret.
Joan Crawford

Max Factor
★ HOLLYWOOD

HONGKONG IS SENDING RICE TO SHANGHAI!

It was learned that they had decided to boycott the Market for three days as it was stated it would be difficult to continue business unless the authorities put a stop to the "allowance" system in which profiteers follow prices officially allowed in name

FARM CATTLE INCREASE

A total of 90,000 vehicles for military purposes have been sent from Canada to the British Empire at war.

RICH GOLD DEPOSITS IN KWEICHOW

The Kweichow provincial authorities are planning to establish a large iron refinery and organise a Kweichow Coal Mining Company in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

INDUSTRIAL CENTRES IN FREE CHINA

Among the factories are 361 chemical works, 313 machine workshops, 294 textile mills, 93 metallurgical works, 48 electrical works and 269 other plants.

**MOST OF THIS YEAR'S
WOOL CLIP REQUIRED
FOR WAR PURPOSES**

that can use it to best advantage.

U.S. Ships To Carry War Materials

War Holiday Advocated By Government

Subject to unforeseen circumstances, the Whit Monday holiday in England and Wales will not be cancelled nor the Victoria Day holiday in Scotland, though it will be necessary for people engaged on special urgent production to work on those days.

U.S. Ships To Carry War Materials

He also said the U.S. merchant fleet must be extended faster than planned "so that more ships become available to carry goods, including war materials."

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE.				SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.			
Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal	THURSDAY 1 MAY.	Buyer	Seller	Nominal
			\$1325	H.K. Banks			\$1325
			278	Do. (Col. Reg.)			278
			271	Do. (Lon. Reg.)			271
			288	Chartered Banks			288
			232	Mercantile Bks. "A"			232
			211	Mercantile Bks. "C"			211
\$70				Bank of East Asia	\$70		
				N. C. & S. Banks			15 ct
				Insurances			
			\$232	Canton Insurance			\$232
			\$420	Union Insurance			\$420
			81	Underwriters			80 cts
			\$187	H.K. Fires			\$187
				Shipping			
			\$135	Douglases			\$135
			\$82	Steamboats			\$74
\$80			\$80	Indo-China (Prof.)			\$80
			\$80	Indo-China (Def.)			\$80
			40 7/8	Shells			40 7/8
			\$6.53	Waterboats			\$6 1/2
				Docks, Wharves, Galleys, etc.			
			\$854	H.K. & K. Wharves			\$854
		\$4.80		Providents			\$4 1/2
			\$15	H.K. Docks (Old)			\$15
				H.K. Docks (New)			
			\$26	†Shanghai Docks			\$25
				Mining			
			14/0	Kailans			14/0
			\$8	Rapids			\$8
			1 1/2 cts.	Hong Kong Mines			
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings			
\$2.80				H.K. & S. Hotels			\$2.90
	\$33			H.K. Lands		\$32 1/2	
			97 1/2	Do. 4% Debentures			97 1/2
			\$12.70	Shanghai Lands			
			\$2.90	H.K. Realities			\$3
			\$6.70	Humphreys			\$6.70
			\$99	Chinese Estates			
				Cotton Mills			
			\$38 1/2	Euro (S.)			\$38 1/2
			\$200	S'hai Cottons (S.)			\$200
				Zoong Sings (S.)			
				Wing On Textiles (S.)			\$125
				Public Utilities			
	\$16			H.K. Tramways		\$16.50	
			\$7 1/2	Peak Trams (old)			\$7 1/2
			\$3 1/2	Peak Trams (new)			\$3 1/2
			\$6 1/2	Star Ferries			\$6 1/2
			\$23 1/2	Y'mati Ferries			\$23 1/2
	\$6			China Lights (O)	\$5.80		
			81 1/2	China Lights (New)			\$1.40
	X.Bts.		\$24 1/2	H. K. Electric (Old)	X.R.		\$24.68
			\$25 1/2	H. K. Electric (New)			\$24
	\$14			H.K. Electric (Rts)			\$13.65
			\$17	Macao Electric			
				Macao Electric			
			\$12	Sandakan Lights			
	\$23			Telephones (old)	\$23		
			\$9 1/2	Telephones (new)			\$9.20
				Industrials			
			\$30	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.			
			\$25	Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.			
			\$1	Canton Ice			75 cts
			\$15	Cementa		\$15	
			\$7	H.K. Ropes			\$7
				H.K. Govt. Loans			
			\$97	4% Loan			97 1/2

FEED GRAINS CROP

At the same time, however, the numbers of grain-consuming animal units on farms (all classes of live stock and poultry converted to an animal units basis) was increased by ten per cent, thus the supply of grain fed per animal unit has been reduced to 0.68 tons compared with 0.75 tons for the previous year.

MORE SHEEP IN CANADA.

It is expected that a further increase in numbers will be shown in the count at June 1, 1941.

WOOL PRODUCTION OF CANADA

the highest figure in the last 10 years. Consumption in 1933 amounted to 64,900,000 pounds and in the five years, 1934 to 1938, averaged 61,958,000 pounds yearly.

Income tax collections in Canada during the eleven month period of the current fiscal year

(April 1, 1940 to Feb. 28, 1941) totalled \$231,179,485, representing a net increase of \$103,627,839 over the corresponding eleven months of the previous fiscal year.

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FARM LANDS VALUE

The greatest reduction occurred in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia where average land values were reported at \$5 an acre less than in 1939.

H.K. Stock Exchange

SELLERS
Lights (O), \$8.
Ropes, \$7.

**LONDON STOCK
EXCHANGE**

Among foreign bonds, Greeks and Japanese hardened. Cable and Wireless weakened from 53 1/2 to 51 1/2 on less optimistic dividend expectations. Kaffirs were quietly firm.

**HONGKONG
SHAREBROKERS'
ASSOCIATION**
Volume of Business Transacted

on Thursday, May 1, 1941.

SALES

H.K. Telephones (N) ...	*75	\$ 8.75
H.K. Tramways	200	15.00
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		275

The total value is \$3,816.25.

*Sales on Wednesday, April 30.

PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:—

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
MAY 1, 1941.

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	460
On Singapore:	
On demand	53 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	102 1/2
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
and demand	52 5/8
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 5/8	
On Batavia:	
On demand	44 3/4
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:	
On demand	103 1/2
On Manila:	
On demand	47 3/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. ... 23 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, May 1.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for both Ready and Forward. Silver buyers reported the market as being steady with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Business was done during the early part of the morning, at 24 1/4 for near delivery. The market closed at 24 1/4, with small sellers at 24 1/4, buyers at 24 5/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 470 with business done at 470 1/4 followed by transactions at 469 3/4, 469 1/2 and 468. The market closed at 1 p.m. with small sellers at 468 1/4, buyers at 468, probably at 468 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 3/16 and then receded to 3 11/16. At the close sellers were reported again at 3 3/16 for Spot U.S. Dollars, the market opened at 5 5/32 and then dropped to 5 1/8. At the close there were sellers again at 5 5/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Some business was done at 24 1/4 for near and forward. The market closed with sellers at 24 1/8, buyers at 24 1/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done at 468 and 467 3/4. The market closed with probable sellers at 468, buyers at 468 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling closed with sellers at 3 3/16 and U.S. Dollars at 5 5/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 1 (Reuter).
Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/8	5-1/8
New York	21-3/4	21-3/4
India	17-1/4	17-1/4
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	20-3/4	20-3/4

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
May	0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
June	0/3-11/16	0/3-11/16

	Opening	Closing
Spot	5-5/32	5-5/32
May	5-5/32	5-5/32
June	5-1/8	5-1/8

Market: Quiet.

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Apr. 30 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2, Rupee, 94-0-0.

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Apr. 30 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.49	11.31	11.27	02 up
New York Rubber, May	23.70	23.50	23.50	15 up
Chicago Wheat, May	92	90 1/2	91 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	88 1/2	88	88 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, June	13.91	13.85	13.82	08 up

	Close	Change
May	11.27/27	11.47/47
July	11.33/34	11.50/50
October	11.34/35	11.51/51
December	11.36/36	11.52/52
January	11.31	11.48
March	11.38/38	11.52/52
Spot	11.47	11.71

Total sales Tuesday: 135,700 bales.
The last trading day for May cotton is May 16.

	Close	Change
May	23.50/51	23.65 N
July (New contract)	22.69/23.02	23.15/16
September	22.50/50	22.65/65
December	22.15/18	22.30/30

Total sales for the day: 620 tons.
The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

	Close	Change
May	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91
July	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89
September	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89

Tuesday's sales: 13,303,000 bushels.

	Close	Change
May	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2
July	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2
September	69/69	68 1/2/68 1/2

	Close	Change
June	13.82/85	13.90/90
September	13.92/95a	13.97/99

Total sales for the day: 34 lots.

	Close	Change
May	7.20 N	7.24/24

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

	Close	Change
May	2.42b/43a	2.42b/43a
July	2.42b/44a	2.43b/44a

Volume of business done: 76 lots.
The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

	Close	Change
May	76 1/2/77a	77 1/2/78a
July	79 1/2/80a	80 1/2/80a

Volume of business done: 123 lots.
The last trading day for No. 4 Sugar is May 1.

	Close	Change
July	11.47b/50a	11.41b/43a

	Close	Change
July	9.15b/19a	9.17b/20a

	Close	Change
September	8.97/97	8.95b

	Close	Change
July	6.66b/70a	6.65b/66a

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

	Close	Change
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	34-3/4
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/4	4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Apr. 30.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	£
War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red, after 1922)	103-7/16
Defence Loan, 3 1/2	101 1/2
London & Lancashire Ry. 5%	10
Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	39
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/41	38
Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908	40
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	22
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28 1/2
Chinese 5% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% Loan	48
Wongan Ry. 5%	12
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	13
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913	10 1/2
S'hai-N'King Ry. 5% (Brit. Supd.)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Supd.)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Supd. Supl. Loan)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Supd. Supl. Loan)	11
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	184-20 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	5
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	71

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Apr. 30 (Reuter).
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price: £269-3/8.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price: £268-7/8.

Market steady on broad demand on better tone in the East, and America and on the latest war developments and rumours that Straits war risk insurance to the United States may be advanced. But Ministry sales at unchanged limit restrained the cash position. After hours market idle—5 tons at unchanged prices.

LONDON GOLD
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Apr. 30 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	78
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearers)	14-1/2
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "G"	11 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	1-1/2
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	18-1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15
Union Insurance	22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15-1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ry. 12	32
Great Western Ry.	30 1/2
National Bank of India	83/8
B-A Tob (bearer)	32/3
Dunlop Rubber	9/10 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane Ind.	29/4 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind.	21/7 1/2
United Steel	47/6
Woolworths	6/3
Marsman Investments	9/9
Western Holdings	142/6
Sub-Nigel	40/7 1/2
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	40/7 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 1, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	51	Kennecott Copper	31 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	31 1/2
Allis Chalmers	25 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	21
Amer. Can.	80	Loew's Inc.	21
Amer. Cyanamid B.	35 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	30 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1	Montgomery Ward	28 1/2
Amer. & Foreign P. of	15 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	12	Nat. Dairy Products	12 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	16	National Distillers	17 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	4 1/2
Amer. S'ing and B'ing Co.	37	New York Central	11 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	150	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	87 1/2	North American Co.	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anaconda Copper	23 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Archison, T. & S. Fe.	28 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	34	Pullman Inc.	23 1/2
Barnes Oil	8 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	70	Reading Company, Cdn	14 1/2
Bills & Co.	14 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	13 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	17	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	18 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	30
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	9
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	3 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2
Celanese	20 1/2	Society-Vacuum Oil	9
Chesapeake & Ohio	37 1/2	Southern Pacific	11
Chrysler Corp.	57 1/2	Southern Ry. 5% pfd.	23 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	2 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	28
Commercial Credit Co.	25 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	7/16	Stand Gas & Elec.	9/16
Consolidated Edison	19 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	5
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Swift International	8
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Technicolor	8
Douglas Aircraft	68	Texas Corp.	37 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	138 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elec. Autolite	26 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2	Union Pacific	78 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pfd.	55	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pfd.	59 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	10 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 7% pfd.	34 1/2	United Corp.	1
Flintkote	12 1/2	United, Corp. 3% cum pfd.	21 1/2
Gen. Electric	28 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7
Gen. Motors	37 1/2	U.S. Rubber	20 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	12	U.S. Steel	51 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	Vanadium	24 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	Vultee Aircraft	4 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	25 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	38
Great Western Sugar	22 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	26 1/2
Int. Nickel	28	Chase National Bank	25 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13	National City Bank	25 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2	Libby, McNeill & Libby	—
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Dow Jones Rail	32.67	28.70
Dow Jones Utilities	32.67	28.70
Dow Jones Chemical	32.67	28.70
Dow Jones Food	32.67	28.70
Dow Jones Textile	32.67	28.70
Dow Jones Paper	32.67	28.70
Dow Jones Miscellaneous	32.67	28.70
Commodity Index	43.74	11

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LONDON SILVER

London, Apr. 30 (Reuter).
Silver—Very little trade and speculative demand, satisfied by production sources. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was idle but steady, with no business.
Spot, 23-1/2d.
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Bombay, Apr. 30 (Reuter).
Market—Quietly steady. Offtake 250 bars.

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Calcutta, Apr. 30 (Reuter).
Apr. 18 Apr. 25

	Apr. 18	Apr. 25
Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department)	27,991	28,059
Rupee Coin Bullion in India	3,537	3,606
Gold Coin and Bullion in India	4,441	4,441
Securities (Indian Government)	9,132	9,132
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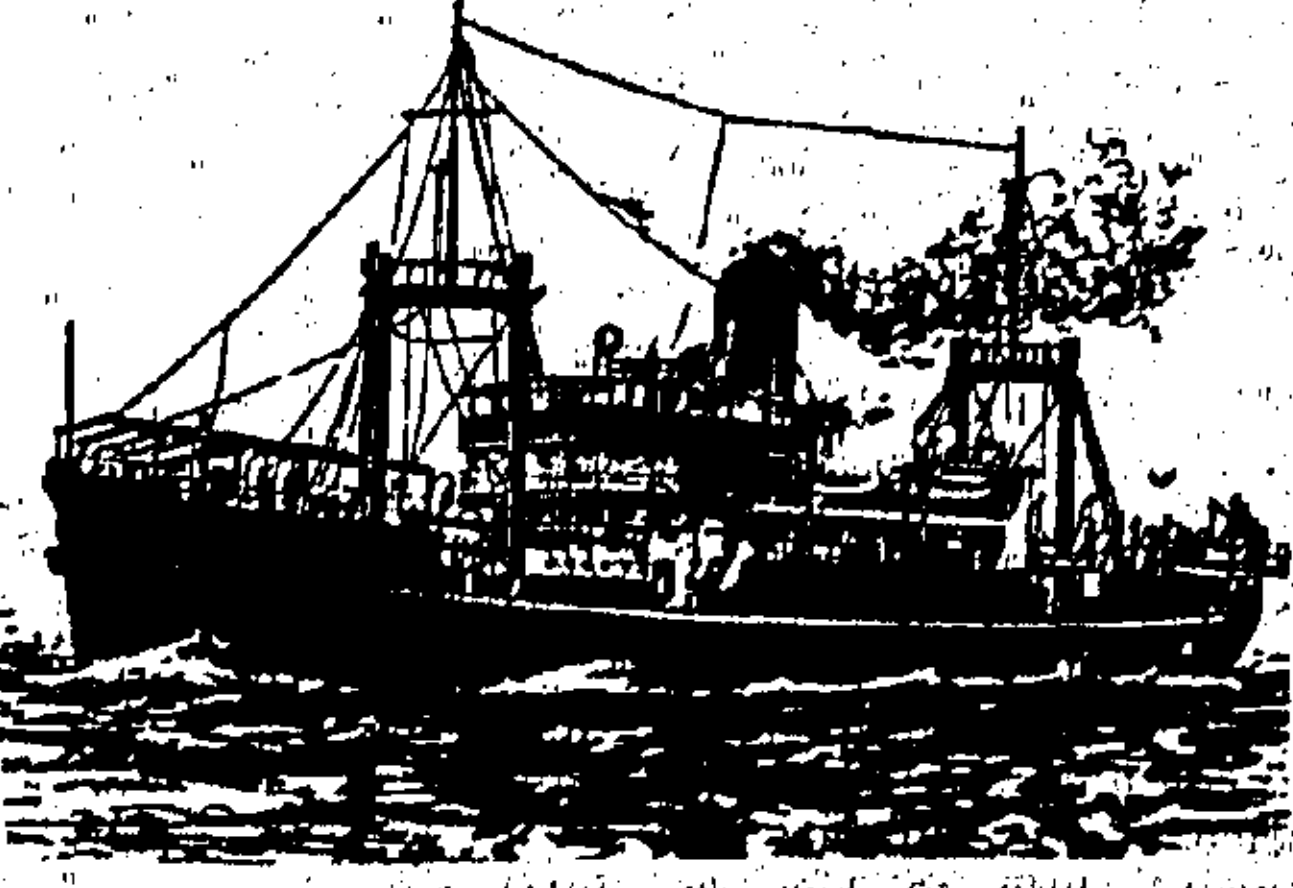
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Captain J. E. Murphy, veteran American President Lines' shipmaster, claims not to be superstitious. However, he admits quite frankly that the number "four" seems to be his "number of destiny" or something. In fact, if Captain Murphy had been born one of quadruplets, which he wasn't, it is doubtful if the number 4 could have played a more important part in his life to date.

FOURTH LINER

Having won the coveted assignment to command the new S.S. President Garfield, which is the fourth new luxury liner constructed for American President Lines' Round-World service, Captain Murphy immediately began cogitating about the strange series of circumstances which definitely place him under the Sign of Four.

Captain Murphy recalls that it was on the fourth day of the fourth month, eight years ago (which is twice four), otherwise April 4, 1933, that he took over command of the old S.S. President Garfield. Now he is assigned to command the new President Garfield when she began her maiden voyage from New York April 4, 1941. There are the other usual "coincidences" involving the number four in Murphy's life, such as being born on the 24th day of the month, and four being his lucky number, etc., yet Captain Murphy insists he is not superstitious.

SATISFACTORY TRIALS

The new President Garfield recently completed her trial runs off the Virginia Coast. These were declared to be "entirely satisfactory." Like her three sister ships before her, the President Garfield was built by the Newport News Shipbuilding company, at Newport News, Va., where three other ships of the same type and for the same service are now under construction.

The President Jackson, first of the seven new round-world liners completed, recently terminated her first world cruise in the record time of 99 days, with an average cruising speed of better than 18 knots. Officers and passengers were unanimous in their praise of the new ship's performance.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 2 to 8 May 1941.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Days of Week	Days of Month.	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height.	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height.		
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
Fri.	2	01 52	4 1	03 20	3 6		
		11 54	6 2	12 57	1 0		
Sat.	3	08 03	4 0	08 44	3 9		
		12 44	6 4	01 00	3 8		
Sun.	4	04 06	4 1	06 25	4 0		
		13 42	5 9	22 07	1 8		
Mon.	5	05 08	4 3	07 58	4 1		
		15 07	5 8	23 07	1 8		
Tues.	6	05 47	4 6	10 47	3 9		
		16 37	5 6	23 58	1 9		
Wed.	7	06 26	4 1				
		17 58	5 8	12 14	3 3		
Thu.	8	07 01	5 6	0 44	1 9		
		18 13	5 6	13 17	2 6		

Two-Day War Debate

HOME EFFORT TO BE BOOSTED

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—The two-day debate on the war situation is likely to be devoted far more to the urgent question of increasing the war effort at home than to any post mortem on the Government's decision to help Greece, writes Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent.

The Prime Minister's broadcast on Sunday had a good effect on public opinion, and this has been reflected in the attitude of those who last week were critical of Government's action.

Attention is being directed to the home front and its defects. The Minister of Supply yesterday gave a satisfactory answer regarding the production of heavy tanks, but this is only one item in many that are required to wage a successful war against the armoured might of the enemy.

LABOUR QUESTION

There is also the question of labour. Critics claim that little has been done with the compulsory powers which the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced some time ago. Some members urge more drastic action regarding mobilisation of industry and labour for the war effort.

Some responsible people are urging a radical change in the government machinery which, they feel, is not best fitted to get the maximum war effort. They suggest a reorganisation to ensure effective compliance with decisions of the executive.

DIRECT CO-OPERATION

Members want the war effort extended in the greatest possible way and will spare no effort to achieve this, knowing that they have the whole-hearted support of the country.

Closer co-operation with the leading Empire statesmen will certainly be urgent though it is realised that such a direct co-operation in London is not as easy as in the last war owing to the more exacting call on their own Ministers by all the Dominions.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 1 (Reuter).—The German freighter Nafal, which arrived at Santos from Hamburg, carried 2,592 tons of cargo, consisting largely of machinery and aeroplane parts.

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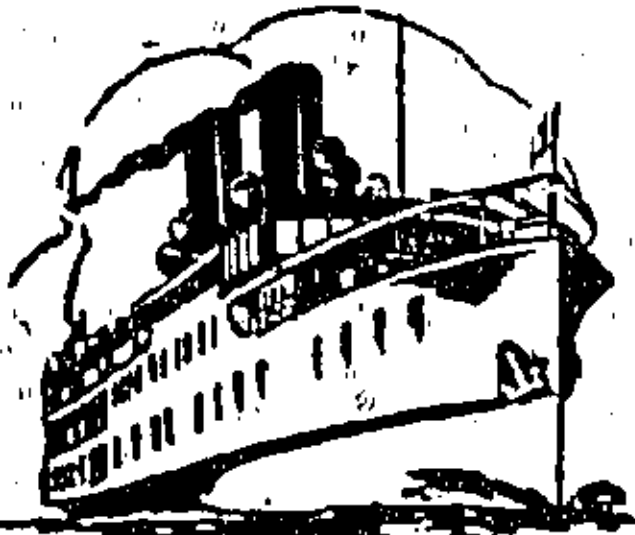
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MIDDLESEX REGIMENT SKATING CARNIVAL

The skating carnival held for the first time in the history of the garrison by the MIDDLESEX REGIMENT at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Nathan Road, last evening was featured with novelty and safety.

Five hockey, three basketball matches and an open relay were included in the programme.

The hockey championship was awarded to a team from Headquarters which eliminated "B" Coy. in the first round, beat "A" Coy. in the second and defeated "C" Coy. in the final.

Another friendly hockey encounter was played between the "Sergeants" and the "Corporals" which the latter won by 3-2.

There was only one regular hockey player participating in the skating hockey. He was Ure.

Scorers for Headquarters were Geary, Harrington and Hilkene, (2 each).

BASKETBALL

The basketball game between the Sergeants and the Corporals resulted in a 4-0 victory for the latter. Kowloon Skating Rink also took part in the basketball competition; they defeated the Privates 6-4 but lost to the Corporals 12-10.

The six-lap relay race, over a distance of about 240 yards, was won by a Chinese team comprising Lee Pak-nin, Lee Man-nin and Lok Fung-sang.

The line-up of the team from the Headquarters was: Thornton; Geary, Bryant; Harrington and Hilkene.

It is learned that hockey and basketball matches will be played between the Middlesex Regiment and the Kowloon Skating Rink on Saturday, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

BUSY DAY AT REGISTRY

Eight Chinese couples were married at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday. The parties were:—

Mr. Lo Yauw-sie, bank clerk, of No. 71 Connaught Road West, and Miss Hung Suk-ha, of No. 134 Connaught Road West, third floor;

Mr. Tam Ping-hang, civil servant, of No. 49 Pillem Street, second floor, and Miss Li Chiu-tang, teacher, of No. 293 Queen's Road West, first floor;

Mr. Cheng Kong-yun, clerk, of 209 Prince Edward Rd., and Miss Lau Sook-kan, of No. 291 Prince Edward Road;

Mr. Tse Sheung-hang, electrical engineer, of No. 11 Lung Kong Rd., and Miss Ho Yee-men, of No. 171 Sai Yeung Choi Street;

Mr. Pang Yen-chu, accountant, Chinese Government Telegraph Administration, of No. 114 Austin Road, and Miss Zok Ngeth-sueh of the same address;

Mr. Chan Ying-yuan, merchant, of the Oi Kwan Bldg., third floor, and Miss To Shuk-chu, of No. 54 Des Voeux Road Central;

Mr. Ho Cheuk-woo, clerk, of No. 16 Po Lung Terrace, and Miss Lai Chiu-ngan, of No. 25 Catchick Street;

Mr. Mak Kam-so, coal merchant, of No. 12 O'Brien Road, and Miss Li Choon-choi, of No. 13 O'Brien Road.

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Mr. Arthur Hall, master mariner, of No. 3 Ping Street, first floor, and Miss Helen Yuen, of No. 3 Ping Street, second floor;

Mr. Chen Hung-su, accountant, of the Bank of Communications, Canton office, and Miss Phyllis Kwok, secretary, Chinese Women's Christian Temperance Union, of No. 40 Nga Tsin Wai Road.

1,000 GUINEAS RESULT

NEW YORK, May 1 (Reuter).—The result of the One Thousand Guineaes race is as follows:—Dancing Time; Beausette; Keystone.

Ng Sun, 49, of No. 150, Shanghai Street, second floor, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from crushed fingers sustained when a heavy box fell on his hand while working cargo at Kowloon Godowns.

THOUSAND MEN, WOMEN AFFECTED BY OFFICIAL NIGHTSOIL DECISION

No Reconsideration By Government Likely

"I AM VERY SORRY FOR THOSE PEOPLE BUT I CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT IT. The Government has taken over and I do not think Government will reconsider the matter," said the HON. MR. R. A. C. NORTH, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in an interview with the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday.

Outside the main entrance to the S.C.A. building was a large crowd of former nightsoil coolies, a deputation from which was in conference with Mr. North when the pressman called.

On their leaving the S.C.A. office, the deputies told the Daily Press reporter that they had petitioned Mr. North to postpone the date of commencement, if he could, not re-consider the whole question of taking over.

According to them, over 1,000 men and women have been affected by the Government decision. "That means," said one of them, "that at least 5,000 mouths have to go hungry, as for each worker there are, at least, four persons dependent on him."

At this juncture, the Hongkong Daily Press reporter was ushered into the presence of Mr. North.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Asked if there was any possibility of Government re-considering their decision, Mr. North replied in the negative. Government, he said, had given the matter the most careful consideration and have decided that, from the point of public health, the old and unsatisfactory system of individual arrangements as to whether the coolies were to call every night or every other night had to stop.

"Members of the medical profession are in entire agreement with the Government Medical Department's point of view in this matter, that the more frequent the excreta is collected the less danger there is of the spread of diseases," said Mr. North.

Referring to the deputation's call, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs pointed out that it was from the coolies and not from the Luen Yip Association. Members from the Association have previously called on him and have also petitioned Government through their solicitor.

WAGES INSUFFICIENT

The coolies, said Mr. North, appeared to have been badly ill-advised in regard to the matter of taking up employment with Government. They appeared to be under the impression that if they were to be forced to give up the idea of taking over. Of course, the excuse they gave was that the wages were insufficient and amount to about half of what they were formerly receiving.

The Government's scale of pay is \$12 plus \$4 for rent allowance plus \$2 for food—or \$18 in all. The coolies claimed that they used to make \$36 per month. The Association claimed that there were 2,500 persons employed in the work and, according to its estimate, there are 65,000 flats in Hongkong and Kowloon. The average charge per flat per month was 45 cents which was equivalent to an annual intake of approximately \$351,000 against the annual income of \$1,080,000 claimed by the coolies! These figures do not seem to agree, said Mr. North.

CHARGE PER ANNUM

Asked if the rumour that Government intends to charge \$10 per annum, payable by the landlords, was correct, Mr. North stated that he was not in a position to answer that question. "The Urban Council would be in a better position to answer that," when the Hon. Mr. Carrle returns to work.

Mr. C. J. Roe, Secretary of the Urban Council, stated that there were no untoward incidents when Government took over at midnight yesterday. Everything was working smoothly and there was no reason why it should not continue to work better as time went on.

An agriculturist gave it as his opinion that Government control of collection must be supplemented by a control, or system, of sale for manure purposes. "There are, I think, a number of conditioning tanks," said the gentleman. "Into these tanks are poured the nightsoil which, after a few days, would, through some heating process, be de-contaminated and become odourless. It could then be run out through a tap and sold at a fixed price as fertiliser to the farmers in the New Territories."

Badminton Finals

CHOY DEFEATED TWICE

The belief in many quarters that K. W. CHOY, newly-crowned Senior Singles badminton champion, would emulate the feat of Patrick Wong, last year's triple title holder, did not materialise last night at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

His winning streak was broken when he lost in the Mixed Doubles.

In the Men's Senior Doubles, partnered by K. B. Low, he bowed to the Hool H. F. Chew combination.

The results were: Mixed Senior Doubles:—Hool and Miss Khoo beat Choy and Mrs. Castro, 15-12, 15-9.

Men's Junior Singles:—T. S. Young beat A. L. Fisher 12-15, 15-9, 15-12.

Senior:—Hool and Chew beat Choy and Low, 15-7, 11-15, 18-14.

The most exciting and closely-contested match was the men's senior doubles.

Miss Khoo played a superb game in the mixed doubles.

The junior singles was featured by shot for shot return, the standard being much lower.

Prizes were distributed by Mrs. T. E. Pearce.

THE WINNERS

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CENSOR SAYS

FILMS NEED MORE CUTS

CANBERRA.—Having decreased steadily until two years ago, objectionable features in imported motion picture films are again tending to increase.

This is pointed out in the annual report of the Commonwealth Film Censor (Mr. W. Cresswell O'Reilly), who shows that the percentage of cuts made in imported films last year was 15.8, compared with 11.5 two years ago.

The report shows that the percentage of cuts necessary in British films was about twice as great as in films from the United States, while the percentage of British films finally rejected was 3.2, compared with only 2.5 in the case of films from the United States.

The report says moving pictures are becoming increasingly an adult entertainment and that it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide suitable programmes suitable for children.

Films passed as unsuitable for general exhibition have predominated in imports for years, but this has not influenced distributors, exhibitors or parents in keeping children away.

CHESS RESULTS

Results last night in the Colony Junior Chess Championship Tournament were:—Un Kwai-yung beat R. C. Danenberg, A. Kurrik beat J. H. Almeida.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 2nd MAY, 1941.

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FRIDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services",	Fri. 9th K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.

B.W.O.F. RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS FOR MARCH

The British War Organisation Fund receipts and payments account for the month of March is as follows:—

RECEIPTS:—To Balance, \$35,552.12; To donations and subscriptions, \$39,145.49; To sales, \$2,803.68. Total: \$77,501.29.

PAYMENTS:—By remittance (in favour of British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John War Organisation, London), \$12,027.55; By remittance (in favour of Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution), \$12,027.55; By purchases, \$1,645.97; By packing, transport, freight, insurance, etc., \$340.15; By office expenses, \$285.07; By Balance (monies in hand on March 31), \$50,925.02. Total: \$77,301.29.

ROYAL FLAX

King George VI has decided to have several scores of acres ploughed up at Sandringham, his Norfolk estate, for the extension of his flax production. It was his father, King George V, who started the famous Norfolk flax industry.

The need for large supplies of home-grown flax is partly occasioned by the German occupation of Holland and Belgium, from which countries Britain used to import a large proportion of her flax requirements.

Northern Ireland is responsible for the bulk of the output of Britain's finest linen, Ulster linen, in fact, is probably of the highest quality in the world. To-day, a new market has been opened to the North of Ireland linen manufacturers, for the "fustianella" or kilt of the Greek regiments of Evzones is made from Ulster linen.

Thus a large part of the new flax which will come from Sandringham may well eventually be worn by the Greek troops who are distinguishing themselves on the battlefields of Albania.

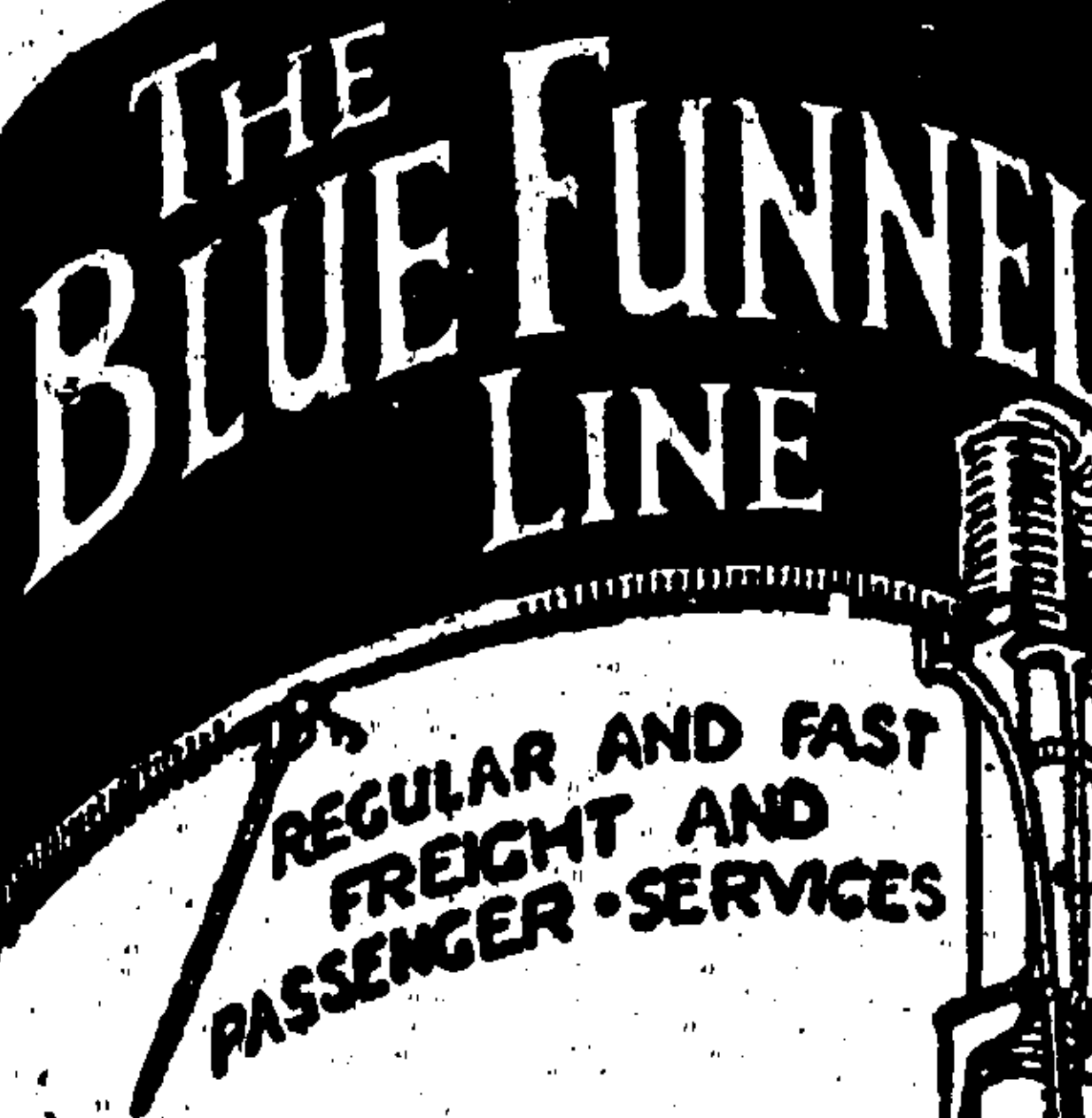
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